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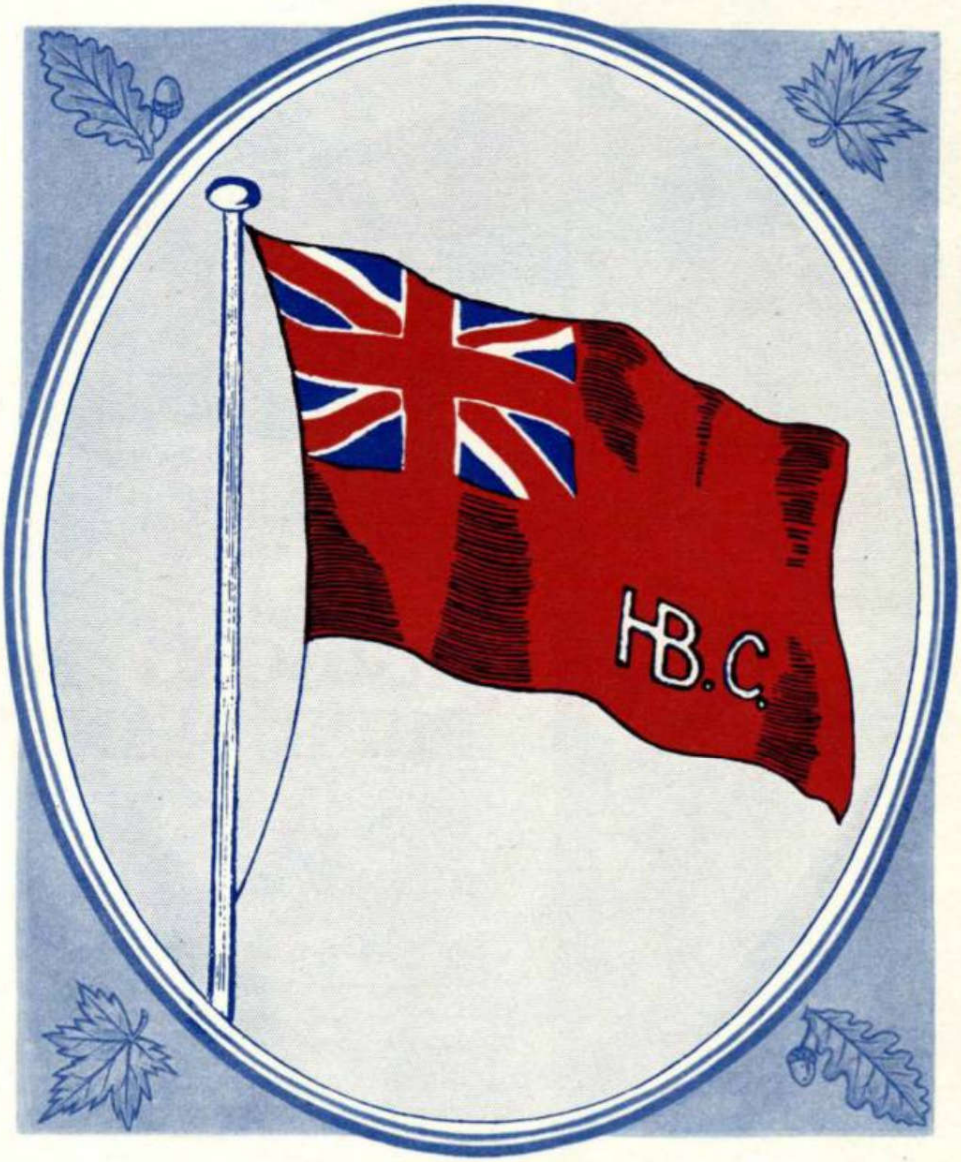

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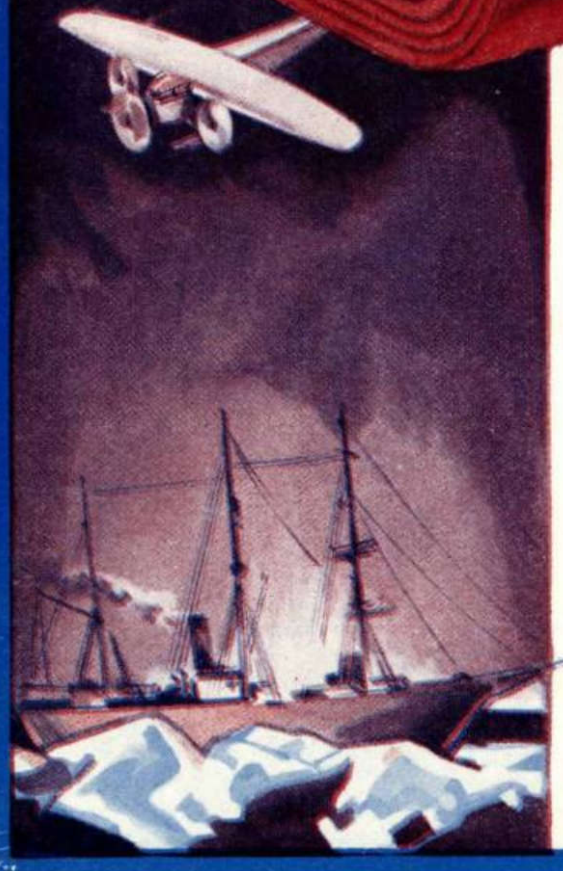

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GIVE me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest;
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which, seeing sin, is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine, or sigh;
Don't let me worry over much
About the fussy thing called "I."
Give me a sense of humour, Lord;
Give me the grace to see a joke.
To get some happiness in life
And pass it on to other folk.

—Old Prayer found in Chester Cathedral.

The Uttermost Fledgling

A Broadcast from Labrador

By GEORGE BINNEY, Hudson's Bay Company, London, England

THIS is O-K-A-K calling; it is only a wire-less station in the sense that they don't wire-in their mosquitoes at Okak; they just browse in millions—especially at "ship-time"—on the rich pastures of human flesh, and being of high commerical integrity, they leave you a receipt for every mouthful they devour. You don't even have to set your traps at Okak to get your "personal hunt." What more could a fur trader ask?

Of course this might have happened anywhere in the north at "ship-time," but it was in Okak harbour that the good ship *Ungava* dropped her anchor with a rattle and a splash one hot July day for the purpose of delivering "Outfit 259," and by the same token, with a splash into the inkpot, we'll anchor this tale to Okak, where it belongs.

It chiefly concerns a woman who forgot to die. Her name was Koljak, and she was an Eskimo. The trouble was a mastoid—a neglected mastoid at that—which by all the rules of the medical faculty spells abscess of the brain or *septicaemia*, which is used by cross-word puzzle experts as a word denoting death in eleven letters.

As the nearest hospital was some four hundred miles to the south, and as Labrador isn't exactly on the highway of shipping, the only decision our doctor could make was to operate on the woman named Koljak who was an Eskimo.

The operating theatre at Okak has no modern conveniences. You fetch a bucket of hot water from the post manager's kitchen, upset some Lysol into it and wash your hands. The patient is reclined on an old table painted red, which will only accommodate the upper half of the body, so you open the flap of a bureau as a depository for the feet. As the table is lame, you'll slip a wedge under one of its feet to avoid accidents at the wrong moment. I guess we'll have to wash our hands again later, as we aren't ready for the operation yet.

In the first place the doctor must acquire his instruments. When you're up against a mastoid, it is no fancy fret-work, with a little slitting here and sewing there. You've got to cut away the decaying bone round the ear and the base of the skull; so the apprentice takes the doctor to the store, where he chooses a cold chisel and hammer, which are also plunged into the bucket of disinfectant and boiling water.

Then there's the anaesthetist to consider and his second string, and the doctor's assistant who swabs the blood and applies the artery forceps. For anaesthetist we had a post manager on his way back to the north, aided by the Okak apprentice. As for the doctor's assistant, he was trained to spill ink in London, so it was presumed that he could swab blood at Okak.

A Canadian doctor, a Newfoundland post manager, an apprentice from the Orkney Islands and an Englishman again solemnly washed their hands in Lysol under the shadow of the **H B C** flagstaff at Okak. What stronger pledge to a unity of purpose within the Empire!

You'll have sized up this woman named Koljak as a squalid matron of forty or so, pitiable but unlovely in her affliction, so all you need now is a thumb-nail picture of Okak to give you the right setting for this operation.

You've gathered that (as the mosquito flies) this settlement is many miles from anywhere. It was founded way back in the seventeen hundreds by the Moravian missionaries, who were the pioneers among the Eskimos. These old Moravians built their stations no less with their hearts than with their hands. They stand as firmly today as ever they stood, their foundations hewn from rock, their heavy timbers cleft and shaped with the axe. One such building, crowned with a quaint belfry, serves both as the house of God and of man. A small jetty, a few log huts, a graveyard and the old mission building are the long and the short of Okak as you look down upon it from the bleak encircling hills. Ten years ago, when Labrador was decimated by the influenza, hardly a soul survived in this community; close on two hundred lie buried in a pit hard by the shore. Abandoned by the surviving natives, the old mission house was closed, but recently, at the suggestion of the Moravians, the Company has reopened the station as a trading post.

Truth adds a flick of the whip to this story; for the woman named Koljak was only eight—a mere wisp of a waif, that contemplated life through dark disillusioned eyes. You've seen the inside lining of a mussel shell? The whites of her eyes had caught that delicate suspicion of blue. Her small brown head was thatched with a mop of thick black hair. There was nothing to fire the imagination about this child in her sealskin boots and her grubby print dress, save the thought that she was all but the uttermost fledgling numbered in the inventory of the Almighty.

Well, sir, we removed the print frock that was grubby, and the rags underneath that were grubbier, and the sealskin boots and all, and, substituting a nightdress for them, we bundled round her a Hudson's Bay four-point blanket and laid her on the old red table with her feet on the flap of the bureau of the Okak operating theatre.

The next move was to shave off that black thatch of hair. So far she had just wondered what it was all about, but when the razor began it's work, there loomed in each eye a mute question mark. Tears were there too in the background—not that she wanted to shed them; she was trying hard not to.

———! We none of us had a corkscrew to open that flask of ether.

It was a good fifteen minutes before we had her under the anaesthetic: the primitive instinct of preservation had wakened in her. What were these men doing? What was it they placed so persistently in front of her nose? What was the clinging smell? Where was her mother? At long

last the wailing was done, the shrill-pitched voice of fear was silent, the limbs relaxed.

As the doctor started his grim work, there floated through our upper window the usual ship-time sounds—the winches on the ship out in the bay discharging the cargo into the "lashed-boats," an Eskimo laughing, the snarl of dogs, someone shouting, the shuffle of feet shod in sealskin boots on the jetty. For half an hour or so the doctor was cutting and probing and scraping and plying that gruesome cold chisel round the base of the skull. There was a small black pellet in the torn flesh, which the doctor said was a gland. Dead bone and tissue were scoured out; a dressing was placed in the gaping hole. The little half-thatched head was swathed in bandages and the limp brown limbs were gently lifted from the rickety table and placed in a bed in the room adjoining.

Well, sir, on the following morning the child who forgot to die, the uttermost fledgling of the Almighty, lay in state and her borrowed nightdress surveying her vast white kingdom of sheets—as much in her grubby element of skin tent and igloo as an earwig trapped in a mould of calves' foot jelly.

She couldn't speak our lingo, any more than we could speak hers. In any case she was much too shy to speak at all. But she ran up to her masthead those international signals which all the bandages and dressings in Christendom would find hard to obscure. Wreathe her as we might in bandages, the woman named Koljak wreathed herself in smiles.

Little maid, you borrowed that white nightdress from us; maybe you'll lend us one of those bright eyes beaming with hope renewed as a full stop to this tale of your suffering.

(Written two months later.)

Autumn was in and about the northern coast of Labrador with wind and fog, but there was nothing autumnal about our patient who had negotiated a new lease of life with the Landlord of us all—as witnesseth my hand upon this day of our return to the harbour of Okak.

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All employees in the service should avail themselves of their privilege to read *The Beaver* from cover to cover, and when possible should send along some contribution to its pages through the local associate editor.

Potatoes

Records of Some Early Transactions at Fort Simpson, B.C.

By JUDGE F. W. HOWAY, New Westminster

ON a recent visit to the Bancroft library, I had the pleasure of glancing through the journal of the Hudson's Bay Company's trading post, Fort Simpson, on the northern British Columbian coast. The journal, which is not consecutive, begins on July 14, 1834, with the arrival of the *Dryad* in McLoughlin Bay (Port Simpson) with a party of fifty-three men to found the second Fort Simpson. The record continues, spasmodically and irregularly, until July 11, 1837.

The first Fort Simpson, originally called Fort Nass, was built in May, 1831, on the Nass river, near the large village, Ewen Nass, a name mentioned by Vancouver (Voyage, vol. 4, p. 118, 1801 ed.). This location was selected by Captain Aemilius Simpson, of the Company's schooner *Cadboro*. Being some twenty miles up the Nass river, it proved inconvenient, and in 1834 was abandoned for the new site at Port Simpson.

The fort was not named after Sir George Simpson, the great Governor of the Company, as John Dunn, in his "History of Oregon," erroneously states (p. 278, chap. xvii), but after Captain Simpson, of the *Cadboro*. The Fort Simpson which was named after the Governor was situate on the Mackenzie river.

Some of the most interesting items in the Fort Simpson journal, from an economic point of view, are the entries regarding potatoes. As the clearing of the site was only commenced in July, 1834, there was, of course, no opportunity to plant potatoes or any other vegetables. They must be bought. Under date of November 6, 1834, the journal records one of the earliest transactions in potatoes. It says, "The Simseyan Indians arrived with potatoes for sale from Queen Charlotte Islands."

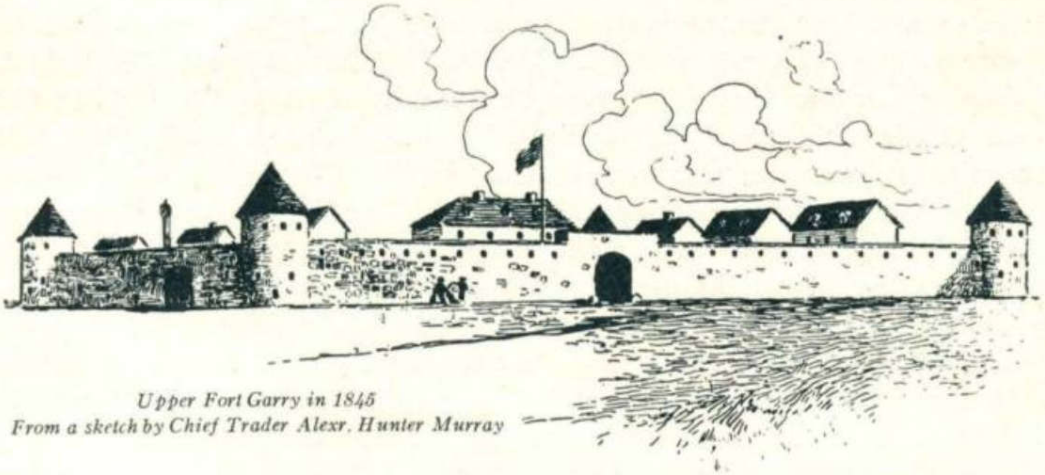
Potatoes were not indigenous to those islands. One of the early fur traders is usually stated to have left them amongst the Haidas and to have shown them the method of culture. This is commonly credited to Captain Gray, of the *Columbia*. The fact is that the maritime traders, following Captain Cook's example, frequently left with the Indians the seeds of various kinds of vegetables. The odd circumstance is that, while the Haidas grew the potatoes, it was the Tsimshians (in the journal spelled "Simseyan") who marketed them. This is an early example of the native as a middle man. The Tsimshians seem to have retained this position. Sir George Simpson, in his "Voyage Around the World" (vol. 1, p. 232), tells of a serious trouble in 1841 between the Tsimshians and the Haidas arising out of a sale of potatoes. The Haida, having made the sale to a Tsimshian, repented of his bargain and refused to deliver the tubers as promised, doubtless expecting a rise in the market. The purchaser then struck the recalcitrant seller: and the relatives on each side

took up the quarrel. Four were killed and four more wounded; but what happened to the potatoes—the *casus belli*—we are not told.

The people of the fort resolved to be free from Indian dependence. On May 1, 1835, the journal records the planting of their first potatoes. Four days later the record says, "Bought 67 barrels of potatoes from Simseyan Indians at 8d and 9d per bushel." This seems to show that the natives had learned how to protect the tubers from the frosts of winter. Presumably some of these potatoes were for seed.

The crop for 1835 at Fort Simpson could scarcely have been a success, for the journal, under date of October 3, 1835, records: "Bought 136 bushels of potatoes off one party of Simseyans and 306 bushels off another." This would be about thirteen tons. It shows that the Haidas cultivated the potato extensively. John Dunn, in his "History of Oregon" (p. 294, chap. xvii), says: "Attached to their houses, most of them have large potatoe gardens; this vegetable was first given to them by an American captain; and is now grown in abundance, and traded by them to the vessels visiting their harbour and to the traders at Fort Rupert. I have known five to eight hundred bushels being traded in one season at Fort Simpson."

Evidently the Tsimshian feared that the gardens at Fort Simpson would reduce their profits as middlemen on the importation of potatoes from Queen Charlotte Islands. On January 16, 1836, the journal says: "Indians are harrying and destroying the cedar fences around the potatoe patches belonging to the company." The trouble seems to have continued, though the journal is silent until March 3, 1836, when it states: "Twelve men on watch owing to fear of Indian depredations." These precautions seem to have had the desired effect, for there is no further entry of any trouble about the potato patches and no later entry of any purchase of potatoes. John Dunn, who was at Fort Simpson in the summer of 1836, bears this out. He says (p. 278, chap. xvii): "Surrounding the fort is a large and fruitful potatoe and vegetable garden."



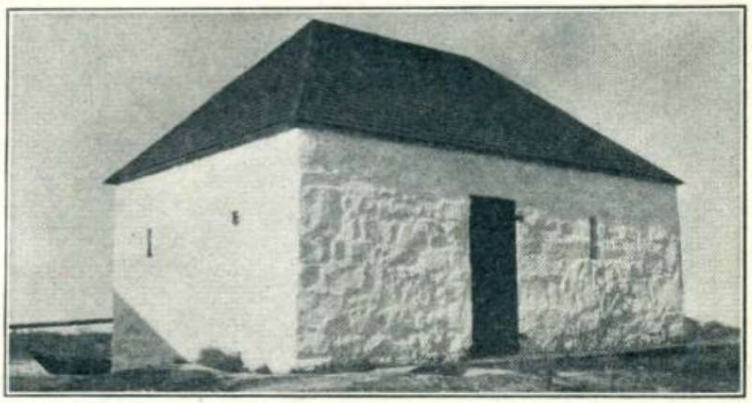
Upper Fort Garry in 1845
From a sketch by Chief Trader Alexr. Hunter Murray

Norway House Points of Interest

By ROBERT WATSON

The Jail (1855)

TO the east of the provision depot at Norway House there stands, built of rough granite two feet thick, with whitewashed walls, the old stone jail bearing the date 1855 deeply chiselled into the coping stone over the doorway. Until quite recently this date was completely hidden by many layers of whitewash.



The Jail (1855)

The door of the prison is iron sheathed, and there are in the little building two windows or openings 22 inches high and 6 inches wide, one window in front of the building and one on the east side.

The jail, inside, is now a single apartment. At one time it was divided into two cells. The inside measurement is 11 feet 6 inches by 16 feet 6 inches. The building is on a solid granite rock foundation and is strength materialized. Iron bars give added security to the openings in the wall, which are not really windows but merely air holes.

This jail was not often used in the early days, but it is recorded that in the time of Chief Factor Roderick Ross, a native by the name of John Frog was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for bigamy. John's brother Robert had taken unto himself two wives, and John, through envy perhaps, did likewise; but it would appear that John had been baptized into the Christian faith, while his brother had remained outside the church. Herein constituted a legal difference, for what was lawful for a pagan like Robert was unlawful for a Christian like John, and the latter was forced to pay the penalty when he refused to be so ungallant as to put away one of his chosen mates. However, at the time of John's incarceration, the winter season was approaching, and John was far too good a hunter and the factor in charge was much too keen a trader to permit of John's languishing in prison during the trapping season; so he was provided with an outfit and sent into the woods to finish his sentence in a manner satisfactory to himself and to the upholder of law and justice.

The little stone jail is a solid object of interest to the many tourists who visit Norway House every year.

The Bell (1782)

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The bell on the roof of the archway warehouse at Norway House is the oldest object of interest there. It antedates the post itself. The following is moulded on the bell in raised letters:

"Ship *Sea Horse*, launched March 30th, 1782, Hudson's Bay Company."

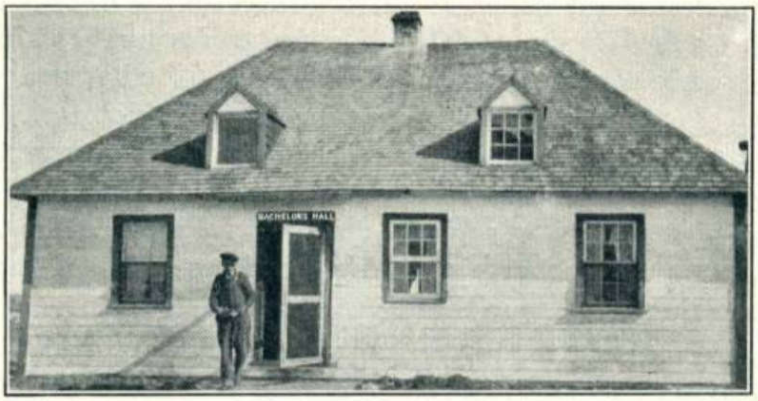
Part of the rim of the bell is slightly chipped, but the bell itself is beautifully toned.

It is still rung morning, noon and evening, and also on special occasions. It is said to have been brought by voyageurs from York Factory in the early days. The Jack Fish weather-vane above the bell was placed there by Chief Factor Horace Belanger.

Bachelors' Hall (1838)

Many of the buildings at Norway House are of historical interest. One of the oldest in the quadrangle is Bachelors' Hall, occupying the north-east corner and still the dwelling of the clerks attached to the post. It is built of wood and bears the date of 1838 over the doorway. This date is evidently correct, as we find in R. M. Ballantyne's book, "Hudson Bay," the following references to it:

(1841) "Norway House no longer boasts the bustle and excitement of the summer season. No boats arrive, no groups of ladies and gentlemen assemble on the rocks to gaze at the sparkling waters. A placid stillness reigns around, except in the immediate vicinity of the fort, where a few axe-men chop the winter firewood, or start with trains of dog-sledges for the lakes to bring



Bachelors' Hall (1838)

home loads of white-fish and venison. Mr. Ross is reading the 'Penny Cyclopaedia' in the Hall (as the winter mess-room is called), and I am writing in the dingy little office in the shade, which looks pigstyish in appearance without, but is warm and snug within. Alongside of me sits Mr. Cumming, a tall, bald-headed, sweet-tempered man of forty-five, who has spent the greater part of his life among the bears and Indians of Hudson Bay, and is now on a Christmas visit at Norway House. He has just arrived from his post a few hundred miles off, whence he walked on snowshoes, and is now engaged in taking off his moccasins and blanket socks, which he spreads out carefully below the stove to dry."

Powder Magazine (1838)

The stone powder magazine, situated about two hundred yards north-east of the fort, is of rough-hewn granite. It bears the date 1838 carved in the coping stone over the doorway and is probably the oldest stone building in Northern Manitoba, still in good preservation.

Powder Magazine (1838)

The original door was heavily sheathed with lead and had old-fashioned iron fittings. The lead sheathing is said to have been perforated by bullets fired by some Norwegian servants who got out of hand at Norway House one time and endeavoured to intimidate those in charge by firing at the magazine. This door has been missing for a number of years.

Binders for "The Beaver"

A new printing of binders for the *Beaver* has been made. The cost of these binders is now 80 cents each. Same can be purchased from office of *The Beaver*, Hudson's Bay Company, 93 Main Street, Winnipeg.

"This magazine brings a breath of the North Country to our home, without its accompanying low temperature or insect pest, that I look forward to. It is also becoming of increasing interest to the family, who are getting a northern point of view not to be found in other periodicals."—J. W. Pierce, D.L.S., O.L.S., President of the Association of Dominion Land Surveyors, Ottawa.

Nelson House Post

H B C Posts, Keewatin District

No. 11—Nelson House Post

By S. J. C. CUMMING, District Manager

NELSON House post is situated at Footprint lake, in latitude 55.55 north, longitude 99.7 west, which is about sixty-six miles northwest of Wabowden, Mile 136, Hudson Bay railway. Footprint lake is not a part of the Nelson river, but is a lake draining into the Burntwood river, which is tributary to the Nelson river.

The post, which was for many years known as Nelson River, was established between 1740 and 1760. The location of same has been changed several times since, being eventually erected on the present site about the year 1878.

The natives are of Cree origin and number five hundred and fifty. The Roman Catholic and the United Church of Canada have missions, together with day schools and resident ministers and teachers at this point.

Formerly all supplies were freighted by York boat from Norway House *via* Cross lake and the Nelson and Burntwood rivers, but, with the advent of the Hudson Bay railway, supplies are now sent in by horse teams overland from Wabowden post, Mile 136, Hudson Bay railway, in winter, and by canoe from the same point in summer. Nelson House is the only post in Keewatin district where the bulk of the supplies are handled by winter transport; this on account of the difficult summer route of travel, with its many portages.

One outpost, South Indian Lake, is run in connection with this post, and is situated one hundred and twenty miles north of Nelson House, on South Indian lake. South Indian lake is very beautiful, one hundred and twenty-five miles long, and in some places fourteen miles wide. It is dotted all over with islands.

Camp trades are also run in connection with Nelson House, at the following points: Old Man River, two hundred miles north; Trout Lake, one hundred and twenty-five miles north; Swan Lake, one hundred miles northwest.

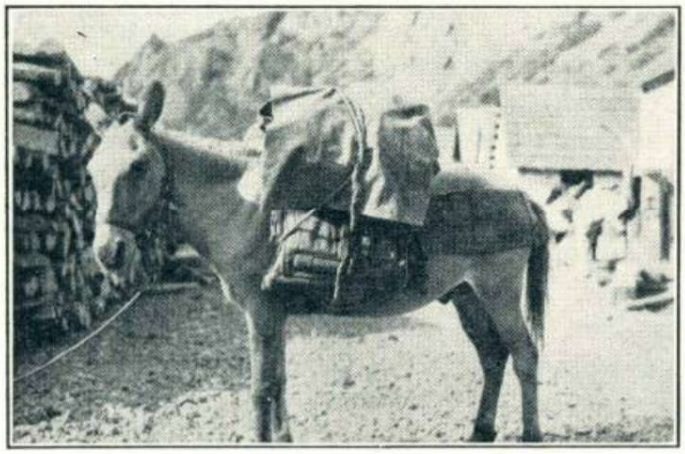
The managers during the past fifty years were: Wm. Flett, Alexander Sinclair, Wm. Isbister, Alex. Stout, Charles Isbister, Henry McLeod, Alexander Swain, Alexander Budd, Wm. Flett, W. P. Ewen, W. R. Anderson, W. A. Murray, and the present manager, Origene Rheaume.

Hudson's Bay Company's Transportation

A Mule Survivor of the Trail of '98

By WM. WARE, B.C. District Manager

WITH the advent of railways, the making of good roads, and the use of gasoline as motive power, our Company's mode of transportation in many parts has changed. Prior to 1913, all the posts in British Columbia district had their supplies delivered overland by pack horses, but today there is no need for this method, as trucks and caterpillars have taken their place; still we have one pack train left, which we hold for the use of big game hunting parties.



In our train we have one mule left which goes by the name of Wall; he is the last of a large mule train. Wall came to Hazelton in 1898, and as he was packing then he would be at least four years of age; so it is safe to say he has had his thirty-fourth birthday. He came to Telegraph Creek in 1912.

Once when it was decided that he was getting too old to work, Wall was pastured out, but he broke away and followed the pack train. Since then the packers have always given him a small load just to please him, but he is unable to keep up with the horses now, and it has been decided not to work him next year. I am afraid if he ever does die, it will be of a broken heart, owing to being left out of the train.

Solomon Voyageur

By NANUWAN, Hudson's Bay Company, Chiboogama.

SOLOMON Voyageur is the chief of Mistassinny post. Nowadays, to most people a chief of an Indian tribe is a very prosaic figure. Some chiefs I have seen were puny, insignificant beings, some were merely the holders of a meaningless title, and some were but the mouthpiece of the tribe. But Solomon Voyageur is different.

Chief Solomon Voyageur

To many people in the fur trade his name will be familiar, especially to those who have been for any length of time on the east side of James Bay, and though they may all express themselves in different ways, they will be unanimous in expressing their respect. It is possible they might even use very strong terms to describe him, but they will never describe him as weak, undecided or dishonest.

Once at Rupert's House when he was honoured by having tea in the manager's house, he told us of his early days, when he was treated so hardly by the people who adopted him; how he was underfed and overworked. This, he explained, was what fitted him to work so hard when he grew up. In truth, he is rather proud of the hard times he had and only regrets that he never had the chance to learn English so that he would know how to lead his people better. He was born near Mistassinny round about 1860. His grandfather was in charge of a post of the Company at Mechiskum, and his great-grandfather was a chief factor named Bailey in charge of Rupert's House many years ago. When labouring under some strong excitement, he will sometimes roll up his sleeves to show the whiteness of his arms and, throwing off his cap, will shout in Indian, "See, my head is a white man's head."

There are many stories about his strength when he was guide of the Mistassinny brigade on their three hundred and sixty-mile trip with thirty-foot canoes to Rupert's House: how he carried seven hundred pounds over a half-mile portage; how, when they met the Woswonaby brigade on the middle of a portage and there was a dispute as to who would carry over their load first, Solomon himself wrestled with and overcame all the men of the Woswonaby canoes. By these stories you might think him a giant of a man, but he is even under the medium height and probably never weighed more than one hundred and fifty pounds. Even now, in his age, he has a frame of steel, and I myself have seen him carry three

hundred pounds over a portage, and in the winter haul a like amount on his toboggan from Chiboogama to Mistassinny.

There is also the story of how he led a revolt at this post sometime about 1880. The story is true, but he likes best that it should be forgotten. His principal claim to interest, however, is his work as guide on the Rupert's river. He was a splendid fur hunter, but he thinks his hunting as of no import. His one pleasure and pride was and still is in his work. And it may be well that it is so, for it was no easy task to freight supplies into Mistassinny post from James Bay. He had under him twenty to thirty men, and on leaving Rupert's House with four or five thirty-foot canoes, all the post's supplies for the coming winter were given to him and it was his job to see that they arrived at Mistassinny intact and undamaged. The men's rations for the trip he divided out each night; he was first up in the morning and last to bed at night; at the end of every portage he checked his cargo, though he could neither read nor write, and there are sixty-four portages, most of them long. He always did more than one man's share of the work paddling and portaging; and by shouting directions and commands, when working at the rapids, he acquired a voice unsurpassed for strength, virility and carrying power. When he was guide on the river, he was undisputed chief, and for the two months which it required for the return trip he reigned alone. For more than thirty years he has been the guide of our brigade and in that time never lost nor damaged fur nor supplies.

He has a good control over the Mistassinny Indians, and when once his voice is raised in wrath there are none of his people so bold as to contend with him.

There are now very few of Solomon Voyageur's type left—an honest man, a hard worker and a good hunter—having all those qualities which go to make what used to be called "a good Company's Indian."

York Factory in 1853
From a sketch by Chief Trader Alexr. Hunter Murray

Steel Bridge at Port Nelson (2640 feet long)

Churchill, Past and Present

By C. HARDING
District Manager Hudson's Bay Company, York Factory

WHEN the New World was discovered and taken possession of by the Spanish conquerors from Florida to Patagonia and the Portuguese commanded the passage to the Indian Ocean, trade routes to the East were eagerly sought for by navigators and adventurers. These hardy men had to find a passage through the northern oceans to the Pacific. Hence we hear of Henry Hudson in 1610 penetrating to the bay that bears his name, only to meet a tragic ending.

The Danish navigator, Monck, who next appears in these waters, was obliged to winter in the bay, and in seeking a place for shelter, discovered Churchill harbour. Most of his crew died from scurvy. He and a few others survived to take the news of this disaster to their native land. His two ships were badly crushed in the harbour ice. He managed to patch one of these in order to carry him from this inhospitable shore.

Sir Thomas Button, passing through Hudson Strait in 1612, came to a great open sea and was buoyed up with the hope that he had discovered the northwest passage. However, he was soon disappointed when he reached Cape Eskimo at the mouth of Churchill harbour. This cape he called "Hopes Checked" and his visions of a northwest passage vanished.

Fort Churchill, north latitude 58° 46′, was named after John, Lord Churchill, afterwards Duke of Marlborough, the third governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. About 1715 the first settlement or trading fort was established by Captain Knight, in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company. "Knight's Hill," a prominent landmark named after him, lies just west of Cape Churchill. This unfortunate gentleman, in charge of an expedition for discovery, was wrecked on Marble Island in Hudson Bay. All perished. Their remains were found in the year 1767. From Eskimo report we learn that these unfortunate men lived for two or three years, and were ever on the lookout for a ship that never came.

The Hudson's Bay Company, soon after 1670, established forts on the south and west of Hudson Bay, at Churchill, Nelson, York, Severn,

Albany, Moose and Rupert. The French successfully attacked these posts from the interior, led by daring spirits traversing long distances beset with indescribable dangers and hardships. Fierce sea battles took place for the possession of these forts, which were from time to time captured and recaptured, in 1697. The daring Iberville, in his ship *Pelican*, defeated three British vessels at the mouth of the Hayes and Nelson rivers. Thereafter the traders in search of peltries were in continuous strife.

During these troubled times, the Hudson's Bay Company built Fort Prince of Wales at the entrance of Churchill harbour in the years 1733 to 1747, the strongest fortress of its day (forty-six cannon lined the bastions then), a formidable structure dominating the harbour's mouth. It was however fated that this stronghold would fall without a shot being fired.

Admiral de la Perouse, with three ships, in 1782 captured this fort without a struggle, and after destroying the place carried to a French prison the governor, Samuel Hearne. There still remain thirty-three cannon in the debris of the bastions, which are now heaps of ruins, fitting testimony of what men accomplished in those days for glory. Even the fate of the victorious Perouse remains unknown, tucked away somewhere under the Southern Cross. Many notable navigators and explorers have visited Churchill. Here lived Richard and Moses Norton (father and son, governors in their day), famous for their activities in seeking and encouraging trade and promoting discovery, when much of the interior became known—the discovery of the Coppermine River and the establishing of forts in the interior. Samuel Hearne, of the Hudson's Bay Company, in 1771 penetrated to the Far-off-Metal River. David Thompson, the geographer, landed in the New World at Churchill, 1784, a boy of fourteen years. He afterwards mapped out the then unknown West. He died at Montreal in poverty. One could tell of many others—bishops, geologists, naturalists, and astronomers—as they have left their tell-tale marks chiselled on the rocks at Sloops Cove, with the picture of the hanging of Kelly, who was condemned to death for stealing a salted goose. The Church of England mission has been established here for over fifty years. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police had a large establishment also, but they have long left the place and the buildings have all fallen into decay and are uninhabitable.

Fort Prince of Wales was built because Churchill was considered in those days to be the key of the great West and commanded the approach to the interior. This view has come down to the present day. The small natural harbours, of seven miles by four miles broad, making a water space of two miles with average depth of twenty feet at low water, had advantages and was considered to be the logical terminus of the Hudson Bay railroad. For fifty years agitation was rife for a railroad to the Bay, as this was a shorter route to the markets of the Old World from Western Canada. After much discussion, Nelson was selected as the port. The railroad was immediately pushed north and harbour construction was

commenced at Nelson. Great progress was made under difficulties and many millions of money spent. The railroad reached within ninety miles of Port Nelson, when the Great War broke out and all work ceased. The works lay in a state of exposure and decay for fourteen years. Politics again stepped in and it was decided to push the unfinished work to completion. Port Nelson has been considered impractical, and preference has been given to Churchill. The former terminal is now being dismantled.

The railroad is being pushed to Churchill, where the harbour is under construction, with wharfage space to accommodate a moderate number of vessels.

The Chain Store Idea

ONE Canadian was entertaining four visiting Americans. They were around a cafeteria table.

"One thing America has given the world," said one of the Americans, "is the chain store."

"Not the United States," said the Canadian.

"Yes."

"How long have you had chain stores in the States?"

"Upwards of fifty years," said the other.

"We have had chain stores in Canada for two hundred and sixty years," the Canadian said.

"Bunk" exclaimed the Americans.

"It's a fact," said the Canadian. "The first chain stores in the modern sense were established in Canada by a group of Englishmen two hundred and sixty years ago. And they are still going strong.

"Get away."

"Yes, sir. Charles the Second of England gave the Charter to the first chain store system in the world, the Hudson's Bay Company."

"Ah, those were trading posts."

"Chain stores," said the Canadian, "operated on exactly the same system as the chain stores of today. That is, buying in wholesale quantities at the closest price and distributed by a central warehouse to all stores in the chain. They started with a couple of stores, then they had five, and pretty soon, so successful was the chain store idea, they had hundreds of stores across the continent. Yes, and some of their stores were down over the western border into the United States, away back. So the first chain stores in even your country were branches of a Canadian enterprise."

"Yeah, but they were fur trade posts," insisted one of the Americans.

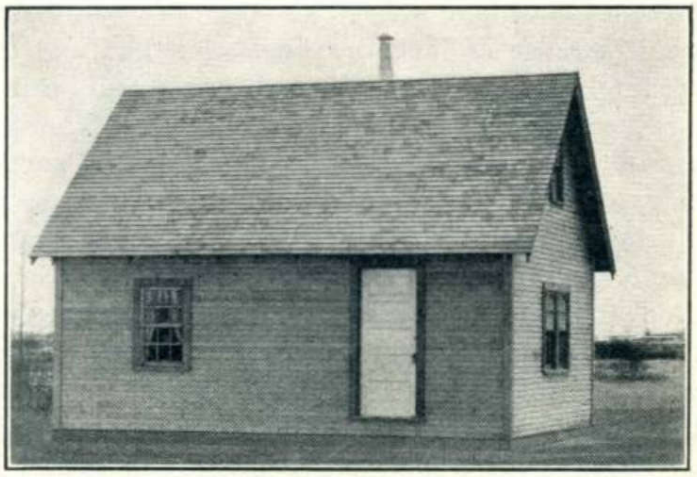
"The Indians had no money. They had furs to give in payment for merchandise.

"But I think you'll agree that the first and the biggest chain store system in the history of America was in Canada."—*Edmonton Bulletin.*

Canadian Farms for British Families

By E. H. GAMBLE, Manager H.B.C.O.S.L.

AT Ridgmont, Bedfordshire, England, the Hudson's Bay Company has a training farm where young single men are taught to handle horses, plough, milk, and do other useful farm work. This work is under the guidance and instruction of an experienced Canadian farmer. As soon as these men are qualified, the Winnipeg office of the H.B.C.O.S.L. is in turn actively engaged in placing them in farm employment.



Hudson's Bay Company Farm Cottage

Last year the H.B.C.O.S.L. circularized 30,000 farmer employers, giving them the opportunity of stating what nationality of help they preferred. The fact that seventy-two per cent of the replies signified a preference for English-speaking labour indicates the extent to which British farm help is desired by Western Canadian farmers. Consequently, last year the H.B.C.O.S.L. placed nearly nine hundred men in farm work in Western Canada.

Every farmer likes to own the land he tills. He likes to have a domain where he is supreme, and where his fortune depends upon his own judgment and energy.

The experience of every country in the world shows that the cultivation of land by the owner himself creates the most wholesome and prosperous agricultural conditions.

The average person with little or no capital, desirous to own land, must look to a country or district where there is still abundant fertile land available at moderate cost, and where land may be purchased on terms that make it possible for new settlers with small capital to pay for their farms after a few years' labour. They will want land that will produce good crops and that can be purchased at from $9.00 to $15.00 per acre.

Such are the conditions taken into consideration and arrangements made by the H.B.C.O.S.L. for family men in Great Britain who really desire to become land owners.

The Hudson's Bay Company is now giving serious attention to colonization and settlement work on a wide scale.

The district where this settlement is being made lies within one of the greatest grain belts of the world. The soil contains in a very high degree all the essential constituents necessary for crop growth. Wheat, all coarse grains, roots, vegetables and flowers can be cultivated in abundance, while hay and all kinds of forage crops are easily and cheaply grown. The question of feed supply in this district is never a serious problem or worry to the stockman.

Preparatory work is almost completed for this settlement scheme in the Vermilion district of Alberta, whereby carefully selected British families will be placed on farms already prepared for them. At the present time there are one hundred of these farms being made ready. A small acreage of land has been ploughed and the ground got ready for seeding in the Spring. A small house and barn have been erected and a well sunk on each farm. The selected families will receive financial assistance to provide the nucleus stock and equipment to enable them to carry on. This plan is being worked out in conjunction with the British Oversea Settlement Committee, and repayment of all advances will be made by the settler family in twenty equal annual instalments for the land and buildings, and in eight equal annual instalments covering the loans for stock and equipment; repayments are amortized over the periods with interest at six per cent per annum. First repayments will be made in the second Fall after the taking up of the land by the new settlers, and this should not be difficult for them to meet.

A competent supervisor has been engaged by the Company, and he is at present in England selecting the families for whose welfare he will accept responsibility while on these farms in Canada. After their approval, he will assist them in every possible way from the date of arrival; he will guide their farming operations until such time as their experience and establishment enable them to take care of their own progress.

Every man, woman and child added to Canada's population should prove a potential customer to the extent of at least $250 per annum of manufactured goods. Every immigrant becomes a consumer of Canadian products, and in time becomes a Canadian producer. Every family that is placed on the land enables two families to live in the cities.

Urban labour and industry have everything to gain from an intelligent colonization and agricultural development policy. In fact, lasting agricultural prosperity cannot be expected in any new country without colonization and development of the vacant spaces by permanent settlers. It stimulates the demand for land and strengthens land values.

Conditions in Great Britain are rapidly changing, and experienced agricultural people, with even limited capital, are no longer available in any considerable numbers; so that it is absolutely necessary to provide modest financial assistance to worthy selected families to enable them to make a move.

Punctuation

By E. RENOUF, Hudson's Bay Company, Lac la Ronge, Saskatchewan

IT is difficult to conceive that at one time words were not even separated from one another. The first step towards punctuation was taken when someone thought of leaving spaces between the words; then came the introduction of full stops; and finally, a system of pointing was evolved.

In these days punctuation is taken so much for granted that little curiosity has been felt with regard to the origin of the art of pointing.

Artistophanes of Byzantium is credited with the devising of a system of punctuation in the third century B.C. A single point was variously placed to denote the pauses now marked by the full stop, comma and semicolon. This system was not widely employed, however, and for many centuries no method of punctuation was generally observed.

The name of Aldus Manutius is known to bibliophiles as that of an early printer who produced work of rare excellence, but he has a further claim to fame for his service to literature by the introduction in the sixteenth century of a system of pointing. The passing of the more formal style of prose has been accompanied by the discarding of those rules of punctuation which checked the flow of expression, and present day readers are spared the jolts and jerks of mechanical pointing.

A missing or a wrongly inserted stop may be the cause of an unfortunate misapprehension or actual loss. The insertion of a wrong stop cost the United States about two million dollars many years ago. A section of a tariff bill enumerated the articles to be admitted free of duty, among them being "all foreign fruit-plants," which denoted plants for propagation or experiment. In copying the bill a clerk accidentally changed the hyphen to a comma, and the wording then ran: "All foreign fruit, plants etc." Until congress could rectify the error, a year later, all foreign fruits were admitted free of duty.

An old example of the use of punctuation is the following: "The school principal says the inspector is a donkey." This throws the ridicule on the inspector, but when punctuation is inserted, the school principal becomes the object of ridicule: "The school principal, says the inspector, is a donkey."

Punctuation should not be looked upon as a substitute for clear expression; it is merely an aid to the immediate understanding of the writer's meaning. A good writer searches for the simplest and most vivid way of expressing an idea, and uses punctuation solely to communicate that idea instantly and with fitting emphasis on the various parts of his message.

"When men are rightly occupied, their amusement grows out of their work, as the colour petals out of a fruitful flower."—*Ruskin.*

When Is a Cow?

By FUR TRADE COMMISSIONER C. H. FRENCH

BEING firmly of the belief that living conditions at posts depended almost entirely on the men themselves, I undertook to make changes at a post where I was stationed. One of these was to do away with canned cow and install a real flesh-and-blood cow that would supply fresh milk, and fresh butter as well.

The cow was purchased—she was just plain cow, but might have had some Shorthorn and some Holstein in her make-up. The importance of breed was not understood by me. What I wanted was a respectable looking animal that was gentle and easy to milk.

The pasture was good, and after placing a bell on a strap buckled around her neck, she was turned out.

Towards evening I sauntered out, and eventually found and drove her home, and after making elaborate preparations, milking was started; but in spite of strenuous efforts, the quantity of milk secured was very little. I did not blame the cow, but thought that by the following morning the milk accumulation would be so great that milking would be easy.

Again that evening there was a lack of milk, and for several days this shortage continued. Finally I blamed the natives for milking the cow.

Next morning the cow was turned out as usual, while I lurked out of sight in the timber on the edge of the pasture.

After about two hours of patient watching, the thief was caught in the act but, much to my astonishment, the culprit proved to be the cow herself. Apparently every time she got a little thirsty she would twist her neck around and have a good drink.

The problem now was how to stop this thief of a cow stealing her own milk. This was solved by taking an old kitchen chair and cutting a hole through the seat so that the cow's head could be put through, and every time she twisted her head to drink she found a chair leg digging into her.

The plan was a success, and the milk supply got so great that it could not be all used; and the problem of how to keep it used up was solved by resolving to make butter. But there was no churn.

There was at this post a large one-gallon granite coffee pot, larger at the bottom than at the top, as are all coffee pots of that kind. I resolved that my churn could be made from that receptacle, and immediately commenced to make a plunger, because I remembered many years before seeing a dash churn operate, and it seemed easy.

The cream was put into the home-made churn, a big apron was carefully tied around my waist and the churning commenced. The first violent down stroke drove the cream nearly all out of the top of the pot and plastered it on the ceiling of the house. On reducing the length and violence of the stroke, it was found that this did not send quite so much

cream on its mad career all over the ceiling, walls and floor of the room; but still some other change was necessary, and so a towel was wrapped about the plunger in such a way as to cover the top of the churn and allow the handle to work up and down. This worked fine; but after an hour or more of steady pounding, the nearest I could get to butter was some coarse lumps that would not stick together.

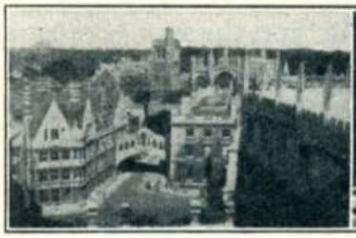
A brilliant idea occurred to me. All the little lumps were gathered together in a dish, which was gently heated until the mess melted and ran together, after which it was allowed to cool, when lo and behold, the first butter ever made at Babine post was on exhibition.

I had on hand a two-gallon oak whisky keg, and soon resolved that a barrel churn of the latest improved pattern, as advertised in a magazine I had, would be simple and easy to manufacture; and in a short time the churn was completed, and fine fresh butter turned out each week.

I was very proud of my feat, and I think all missionary wives within reach were supplied, and expressed their opinion that nothing quite so delicious had ever been given them before. Whether or not that was so, I am certain that living conditions at Babine were much improved.

Perpetual Youth

IN 1892, when stationed in Rawalpindi, India, I came across a wonderful case of longevity. There was in the Sudder Bazaar a large store kept by a Mohammedan whose name was Khuda Buxsh. He had a clerk whose name was Fuzl Din. He used to call round for orders. He was a very decent chap and we became very good friends. He used to time his visits so that we could have a chat, and one day I asked him his age and he said, "Khuda janta, sahib," which means "God knows." So I asked him what he meant by that. Then he told me that many years ago he was a prisoner in Afghanistan and managed to escape. When he reached Indian territory, he had to go through a forest, and on his journey became very ill with fever and laid himself down to die; the next thing he remembered was being in a fakir's (hermit) little shelter. He felt very well and got up to start on his journey again. The old man wanted him to stay and become his child or disciple, but he was anxious to get back to his people; but before he left, he asked what it was that had restored him, and was told that it was a decoction of herbs and that not only would he never have fever again, but that he would not grow any older so long as he remained unmarried. (When I knew him he looked like a man of from thirty-five to forty years of age.) A few days after, I was in the bazaar and had gone to another store, which was kept by a Parsee merchant. I asked him if he knew Fuzl Din. He said: "Yes; and there is a funny story about him. When I was a little boy, my grandfather kept this shop, and he told me that Fuzl Din had never grown any older since he knew him.—*R.G.E., Winnipeg.*



Hertford College on Left and New College in Distance
Photo by Miss M. Shrimplin

Worcester College and Outer Gardens
Photo by Mr. J. D. J. Forbes

Old City Wall of Oxford in New College Grounds
Photo by Miss A. Shaw

Beaver Club at Oxford

By "BEAVER CUB," Hudson's Bay Company, London, England

I PROMISED to write you from time to time anent the doings of the Beaver Club. Although you are now so far from London, you may still be interested to hear how we are faring. Having visited Cambridge, we thought it would be well to see Oxford.

Oxford, as you may imagine, is a very busy place during term time. Not only are the streets thronged by the four thousand or so students assembled from all over the world, but, particularly at the week-ends, there is a constant succession of visitors, who come by train, motor-coach and car to see one of England's most famous cities.

We were met at the railway station by a genteel gentleman who had been recommended as a guide. His knowledge of Oxford was undoubtedly extensive, but he spoke so quickly that he did not always succeed in imparting it to our members.

To save time, we were taken by motor-coach from the railway station to the Clarendon Hotel, our headquarters for the day, calling *en route* at the first college on our list, namely Worcester, which provided the party with a foretaste of the wonderful combination of ancient grey walls and lawns smooth as velvet, which is characteristic of the Oxford colleges. Perhaps it was the absence of height in the college buildings, as much as any other architectural feature, that surprised many of our members, but one and all were impressed with the stately dignity of the quadrangles and the pleasing proportions of the buildings, which proclaimed their purpose as homes of learning, in sharp contradiction to the utilitarian ugliness of many business premises in town.

Worcester College and Quadrangle
Photo by Miss M. Shrimplin

Some Members of Beaver Club in Worcester College Gardens
Photo by Miss F. M. Chambers

The Radcliffe Camera and St. Mary's
Photo by Miss F. M. Chambers

Leaving Cornmarket Street, our party, reinforced by three people who had made the journey by road, proceeded past Balliol College to visit Trinity, where the wonderful oak carving in the college chapel was much admired. Again passing Balliol College, our mentor quoted the following quatrain, commemorating a famous don:

"Here come I, my name is Jowett,
All there is to know, I know it.
I'm the master of the college,
And what I know not is not knowledge."

Our guide next led us to the Sheldonian Theatre, which when full is said to house nearly three thousand persons. Here ordinary degrees are presented and honorary degrees conferred on celebrities from time to time. The attendant told us that on such occasions the gallery was privileged to poke fun at the dons, but that since the advent of lady undergraduates these occasions had singularly enough taken on a more serious demeanour. We all climbed to the top of the building to see the extensive view of the colleges and environs of Oxford which can be had from this vantage point.

Next we visited the Divinity School, a finely proportioned room, with windows on two sides and a curiously carved stone roof. The guide indicated various initials carved into the stone, which purported to represent and commemorate those who had contributed towards the cost of erection. Thence, we proceeded beneath the bridge attached to Hertford College, and spent some time in the precincts of New College. We were particularly impressed with the fine college chapel, and the window by Sir Joshua Reynolds depicting the Christian virtues. In the gardens attached to this college were to be seen some parts of the ancient city wall, now largely overgrown with foliage.

By this time, the ladies of the party, who were by no means in a minority, were inclined to barter all the glories of historic Oxford for an ordinary cup of tea, and we therefore adjourned to the Clarendon for refreshment.

After tea, the town seemed to be busier than ever, and the High Street was quite crowded when we made our way to University College chapel, and thence to the beautiful buildings of Magdalen, where the Prince of Wales was once in residence. Unfortunately, time did not allow us to do more than glance at Merton College, and then hasten to the River Cherwell, where the college barges were anchored. Christchurch and its cathedral had also to be omitted, but as we passed along, our guide recounted another well known piece of doggerel, attributed to a celebrated don, which runs:

"I am the dean of Christchurch, sir;
This is my wife, look well at her;
She is the Broad, *I* am the High,
We are the University."

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Attention of associate editors is again drawn to the necessity for furnishing the initials of all persons mentioned in local news items.

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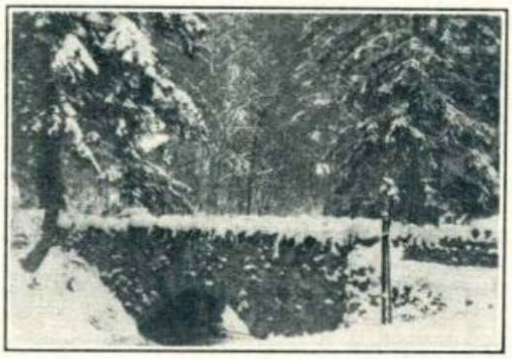


The Stone Bridge, Stanley Park
Photo by H. B. Armstrong

STAFF ARE GUESTS OF COMPANY AT ANNUAL MEETING H.B.E.A.

It was an evening no one will forget. Everyone carefree—a fashion revue of the latest interpretations in dinner and dance frocks that would have given Chanel and Paquin many inspirations for the forthcoming season, and a vista of faces and bright eyes that preluded an evening of fun and enjoyment.

The pleasure of those present was evident in the lustiness of the voices as they sang the Hudson's Bay Company songs, in the sincerity with which they pledged the Company's prosperity for 1929, and the enthusiasm with which everyone stood and cheered for P. J. Parker, president of the association and general manager, in his absence in the east.

Following grace, which was said by the Rev. R. G. Macbeth, the banquet started at 6.45 p.m., during which community songs were sung under the leadership of Reginald Standfield.

The banquet was followed by brief addresses expressing good wishes to the association and to the Company. These were delivered by Rev. Macbeth, R. C. Scibird, merchandising manager, and G. A. H. Porte, vice-president of the association and assistant store manager, who acted as chairman. Mr. Porte moved the adoption of the annual report of the association, which was printed for each member. The resolution was approved unanimously.

The report reviewed a year of progress, in which the activities of each department of the association were marked by success. It recorded a total balance of $12,597 from the social, athletic and welfare branches.

Dancing in a large space near the dining room, decorated with flags and the Company's emblem, followed the banquet. It continued until midnight. Garden's orchestra supplied the music.

Seated at the head table, in addition to Rev. Macbeth, Mr. Scibird and Mr. Porte, were Dr. J. H. Ford, Messrs. W. Ware, W. M. McLean, J. Newson, G. F. Klein, L. L. McCanse, H. R. P. Gant, L. W. Frayer, R. Leaney, G. D. Mitchell, A. Webster, F. Herbert, P. Hart, Mrs. F. Holbech, Misses E. S. Morley, E. M. Paull, B. Blake, K. Desmond, V. Prendergast and E. G. MacFarlane.

The 1929 officers of the association include, as patron, Governor Charles V. Sale; honorary president, James Thomson; honorary vice-presidents, A. H. Doe and C. H. French; and president, P. J. Parker.

"PETER PAN"

A new window shade colour has just been introduced into our window shade section. Because of its warmth, sunfast colouring and abilty to blend with modern, exterior home decorations, it is selling quickly.

Mrs. J. Leroy (*nee* W. Milner), whose marriage took place on December 15, was presented, on the eve of her wedding, with a handsome tray of silver flatware by the members of the credit office. She was the recipient of many attractive gifts at a charmingly arranged miscellaneous shower given in her honour by the girls of the credit office.

We regret that Noel Ethell, of the radio department, is ill in hospital. We sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

M. Hunter has left us to take up residence in Montreal.

We welcome M. Griffiths, who was recently transferred to this department.

The sincere sympathy of the entire staff goes out to Mrs. M. Powley, buyer for the lingerie department, in the recent demise of her esteemed husband, Col. Powley, who passed away on January 3.

Miss Andrew has returned from a recent buying trip in Europe and the east with many beautiful and intriguing creations for the sports wear section.

We welcome M. Francis, recently appointed buyer of millinery, who comes to us from Eaton's, Winnipeg. Mr. Francis is absent at present in eastern markets.

Irene King, of the traffic department, has resigned her position with the store in order to nurse her mother, who is very ill.

Mrs. G. F. Kline, wife of our controller, has gone to Minneapolis to visit her father, who is ill.

Reg. Standfield sets up another record in piano selling—five Mozart uprights, two Rauworth grands and one Baldwin grand, all in one day.

F. A. Wilson has taken over the secretaryship of the H.B.E.A. on the retirement of L. W. Frayer, whose store duties prevent him carrying on further.

W. W. Fraser, buyer for the china department, took very ill when going home from work a few days ago.

The sympathies of the staff go out to Nellie Clare, main floor cashier, on the occasion of the death of her mother.

W. H. Sutton, who has been in the Company's employ only eighteen months, has been promoted to the position of assistant manager of the sporting goods.

Ed. Williams and R. C. Moore, formerly in the sporting goods section, have resigned their positions to go into business for themselves.

M. Carter, of the jewellery department, on February 10 had the pleasure of waiting on Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, the most widely advertised evangelist on the American continent in recent years.

Gladys Law, now Mrs. Clugston, formerly saleswoman in the notion department, was visited on February 16 by Mr. Stork and presented with a fine baby boy. Mother and son are doing well.

E. S. Lindabury, buyer for laces, women's neckwear and handkerchiefs, is at present in the east purchasing for his department.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. E. Redman, of the millinery department, is recovering from her recent illness.

We are pleased to see Harvey Cossey, buyer for the fur department, back with us again following his serious illness.

L. Hoare is leaving to join the staff of Miller, Court & Co.

J. Hyslop, buyer of stationery and books, has left for the east on a buying trip.

We extend a welcome to S. I. R. P. Ellis, recently appointed buyer of staples, silks and dress goods for the economy floor.

W. H. Sharpe is on an extended tour of the eastern and European markets in search of draperies, rugs and oriental rugs, adding ground to the 228,000 miles he has already covered in search of oriental rugs.

H. O. Teasdall is in the east purchasing, and having made to the Company's standard of requirements, men's and boys' clothing that will give style and dressiness to the men and boys of the west for the spring and summer seasons.

MR. AND MRS. HYSLOP ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyslop entertained the staff of the stationery and book department at their home on Cartier Avenue on February 6. The rooms were beautifully decorated with daffodils, and a buffet supper was served. Musical selections were rendered by V. Happell and Mrs. F. Lyttle and a vocal solo by Mrs. Hyslop was much enjoyed by all. Frank Porter, of Seattle, enlivened the evening with his humorous stories, and dancing was enjoyed. Every one voiced it a most pleasant evening.—*F. S. Garner.*

A BALLAD

As I walked down the highway,
The gleaming wide old highway,
I saw a lass a-sitting in the sun;
And as I drew much nearer,
Where I could see her clearer,
I saw that she was bonny, fair and young.

She wore a silken kirtle,
A gathered silken kirtle,
With a kerchief 'neath her chin as white as snow;
Her eyes held merry twinkles,
Her voice was full of tinkles,
As she sang a happy ballad, soft and low:

"My bonny lad, I've waited,
For many days I've waited,
Beside the gleaming highway where you'd pass;
A gypsy told me truly,
My lover would come duly,
When the shadows rested lightly on the grass."

I plucked a branch of myrtle,
And held this sprig of myrtle,
It threw the shadows soft upon her hair;
And then I gaily kissed her—
How nearly I had missed her
When walking down the highway free from care!

—Hilma Sheppard Parsons, Book Dept.

Ice Formations near Lynn Creek
Photo by H. B. Armstrong

SPORT

In the year just past, we have provided a wide range of sport and, in all, we have had a very successful response.

Football—No doubt the outstanding event of the year was the splendid display of the football club. They not only won the Spalding and Shelly cups in league competition, but also the coveted Mayor Taylor cup for sportsmanship. Apart from these successes, they gave some of the better class teams of other leagues a good run in a series of friendly games played during the season. With practically the same team in the field again this season, they are out to try to duplicate this feat, and they all seem very confident that they can turn the trick.

Cricket—Second only to football, our cricket club has shown its worth. After a very successful season, they were unfortunate in losing out in both the Shelly cup competition and also for the league cup by the small margin of one run in each event. P. Hart led the H.B.E.A. battlers for the season with an average of 28 and S. Ward took the honours in bowling. At a meeting held on Thursday, February 14, officers were elected for the coming season and everyone present seemed confident that this year the story will be different and when the final reckoning is made it will be some other team that is one run down.

Basket-Ball—We have entries in the women's and girls' divisions of the Commercial League, and both teams are doing very well.

Golf—The golf club has just completed the most successful year in its history and, in all, seven splendid tournaments were run off.

Bowling—It has been a big year for the bowlers. We have a team entered in the Abbott Commercial Ten-Pin League and they were successful in carrying off the honours for the first half of the schedule, and are now fighting hard to win the second half. The five-pin bowlers have also been going strong, and there is very keen competition in the house league, which consists of eight teams.

The committee of sports asks for the co-operation of the staff in the various sports activities. Your boosting and presence are a necessity if the results are to be good. Applaud when a good play is made; applaud louder if you see a play that's bad. No player ever pleased everyone. Help sports this season by your attendance.—*F. S. Garner.*

Victoria

ANNUAL BANQUET

The eighth annual banquet and dance tendered by the Company to the Victoria store staff was held on Tuesday, 8th January.

The large dining hall on the fourth floor was filled to capacity, nearly four hundred employees and guests of honour being present. The proceedings were marked by conviviality and enthusiasm, and the hearty singing of popular songs.

Guests of honour sitting at the president's table included W. M. McLean (Winnipeg), Dr .R. L. Miller, E. H. Wilson, G. Robson and A. Nicholson; also members of the various club teams connected with the association and members of the executive committee.

After the banquet, the guests adjourned to the beautiful ballroom of the Empress Hotel, where they were joined by a large number of friends.

To the accompaniment of Ozard's orchestra, dancing continued until twelve o'clock. For those who did not care to dance, court whist was arranged, and handsome prizes were awarded to the winners.

President's Address

A. J. Watson presided at the banquet and on behalf of the Company bid the guests welcome. He thanked the staff for its loyal support and co-operation during the past year and was pleased to report that business had been more than satisfactory. The Christmas trade had been particularly good, the week preceding the holiday having been the biggest week in the history of the store. The Saturday before Christmas and Christmas Eve were both record days.

During the eighteen days prior to the holiday, Mr. Watson said that 212,917 passengers had been carried on the elevators.

In complimenting the staff upon the efficient manner in which the Christmas rush has been handled, Mr. Watson made special reference to those whose work was done behind the scenes, and which was often unappreciated. These included the display department, the advertising, the office staff, the credit department, the mechanical staff, the shipping and packing

rooms, the porters and many others. Mr. Watson also complimented the work of Mr. Edgecombe, the superintendent, and of Mr. Horne, the accountant.

In presenting his report as president of the employees' association, Mr. Watson remarked that the past year has been a successful one

A satisfactory feature of the year was that there had been less sickness in the ranks of the members, and he thought that a good deal of credit should be given to Dr. Miller for having kept them in such good health.

During the year 110 members had received sick benefits, medical attention and special grants amounting to $2,320.87, this being about $600 less than was disbursed during the previous year. Social and athletic activities had been very marked, one of the outstanding events being the annual picnic and field day at Deep Cove.

Sport

Among the many other forms of sport enjoyed by the members of the association, carpet bowling had been added. This pastime was giving pleasure to a great many.

Mr. Watson called attention to the fact that while their young men had not been bringing home as much silverware as in the past, they were playing a good brand of sport and were respected by opponents and admired by spectators.

He congratulated the executive upon being able to secure the Empress Hotel ballroom for the monthly dances. These dances were being well attended and were held in high regard by employees and outside public alike.

Business

In dealing with the financial side of the association, Mr. Watson drew attention to the satisfactory position in which the association stood. Among the receipts would be noted an item representing dividends from the Hudson's Bay Company's shares. These, he said, while the fact did not show on the balance sheet, had advanced in value since they were purchased by the association a little more than a year ago.

Mr. Watson complimented the several committees for their work during the past year and thanked them for their loyal support.

Special thanks, he said, were due to T. Wilkinson, the secretary, to R. Eaton, chairman of the sports committee, and to W. Woodley, chairman of the social committee.

Membership One Hundred Per Cent Strong

T. Wilkinson, in submitting his report as secretary of the association, said that

they had a membership comprising one hundred per cent of the store staff.

He said they would be remiss in their duty if they did not express their very great appreciation for the valuable assistance given and interest shown by their president, A. J. Watson.

Athletics

R. Eaton, chairman of the athletic committee, presented a resume of the sports activities for the year. The various forms of sport in which the members took part included football, cricket, basketball, indoor basketball, lawn bowling and carpet bowling.

Mr. Eaton congratulated Bob Addie upon once again winning the Governor's silver cup for the best aggregate secured at the annual field day at Deep Cove. He also congratulated Kate Freestone upon winning Mr. Watson's cup for the ladies' best aggregate.

W. Woodley, chairman of the social committee, submitted a report on the social activities of the past year and referred to the numerous picnics held during the summer. The swimming night at the Crystal Gardens was still very popular among members as also were the monthly dances held at the Empress Hotel.

Election of Officers

The election of association officers for the year 1929 resulted as follows: Honorary president, P. J. Parker; president, A. J. Watson; vice-presidents J. S. Horne and A. R. Minnis; secretary, T. Wilkinson; treasurer, W. V. Merryweather. Executive committee: Bob Addie, R. Eaton, J. H. Grant, C. Nicholls, P. Shrimpton and W. Woodley, G. Bowden, H. Fox, J. McDonald, A. McKenzie, E. Matthews and A. Rogers.

STORE ADDITIONS

Work has already been commenced on the three additional storeys to be added to the present one-storey section at the northeast corner of the Victoria store.

The 15,000 square feet, by which the present floor space will be increased, is needed to take care of business expansion.

Additional space will thus be provided for many of the existing departments and supplementary departments will be intro-

duced; such as a completely equipped and up-to-date groceteria, luncheonette and soda fountain, and possibly a music department.

The contractors expect to have the work completed by the summer.

The entire staff of the Victoria store extends to W. T. Edgecombe, the store superintendent, deepest sympathy in the passing of his wife.

H. Hooper has been appointed assistant to E. Martin, buyer for the furniture, carpets and drapery departments.

We welcome F. Sellers, who is now a member of the permanent staff as stock-keeper.

R. Harvey, manager of the Company's store in Saskatoon, was recently a visitor to Victoria, recuperating after an illness. We trust Mr. Harvey benefited from his stay here.

SPORT

Football—Our store football team is to be congratulated upon the fact that it is still leading in the league, and so far this season has not lost a league match.

Basket-Ball—The league matches are over for the season, and after a long and hard battle our boys were defeated but not discouraged. They held the champions to three points the first game and two points in the last game, after playing overtime. Our basket-ballers will now devote their energies to out-of-town games. These occasions are expected to be of a social character and the boys hope that many non-members will join them in their various visits.

Carpet Bowling—Both teams, ladies' and men's, are doing fairly well against strong competitiors. They are about equal in their respective leagues. At the time of writing there are eight more games to play.

Victoria Lady Swimmers.

Kamloops

We welcome John Murdoch as accountant, who replaces Clifford Curtis. Mr. Curtis was formerly assistant accountant in the Calgary store.

A. D. Vair, of the Calgary store, spent three weeks here assisting in the preparation of the annual accounts. Mr. Vair enjoyed his stay in Kamloops very much.

We regret to report the serious illness of Gladys Barraclough, of the notions department. She was in hospital for some weeks with double pneumonia, but is now on the road to recovery.

Vernon

Dorothy Sarsons, who has been an employee of this store for four years, and the past two years as assistant buyer of our fancy goods department, was married on the evening of Friday, February eighth, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to Colin McClounie. The happy couple have taken up residence in the Coldstream district near Vernon. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts from friends and every member of the staff. We all wish Mr. and Mrs. McClounie a long and happy married life.

Vernon, with other parts of Canada, has experienced exceptionally cold weather covering a period of over four weeks, when the thermometer registered below zero. And while this condition was not agreeable to many of the older folk, yet the younger element said "Let her freeze." The cold snap meant lots of good ice on the lakes and plenty of open air skating, hockey, with ski-ing over the snow-clad hills.

Vernon is coming to the front more and more every year. The newest venture being ski jumping held on February 4. A crowd, estimated between two and three thousand persons, enjoyed the programme on the hill west of the race track. Nels Nelson, the world's champion, and several others from Revelstoke, Lumby, Salmon Arm, Penticton and Vernon, gave a very thrilling exhibition of ski jumping, making the first ski jump held in Vernon a notable success.

Old employees of the Vernon store will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Maude Beaton, who died last month at her home in Vancouver, Mrs. Beaton, formerly Mrs. B. Crees, was for some years manageress of the ladies' ready-to-wear department at this store, and the many friends she made while residing in Vernon will regret to hear of her death.
—*C. C. Packman.*

"THE MAN WITH THE STETSON HAT"

A familiar figure through the Okanagan Valley, "The Man with the Stetson Hat," has gone with the death of William Crawford, a veteran of the North-West Rebellion of 1885, and an old employee of the Hudson's Bay Company. He was a son of Robert Crawford, Hudson's Bay Company factor in the Ungava country. Mr. Crawford had had many adventures, and learned many Indian dialects while with the Company. After leaving the Company, he went into business at Indian Head, Sask., and after losing everything through a fire, settled in the Okanagan. For the last twenty years he has resided in Kelowna, B.C., and in the early part of his residence in that city operated a book store, representing several music houses at Vancouver.

Since the city opened a tourist park, Mr. Crawford has been in charge of it, and it is here where he has made himself known and loved by all who came in contact with him. This tourist park is visited yearly by tourists from all parts of Canada and the American continent, and although few of those who met Mr. Crawford knew his name, he was known as "The Man with the Stetson Hat."

Nelson

E. F. GIGOT

Edward Francis Gigot joined the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1873 and served thirty-nine years. He came to Nelson in 1901 and retired from the management in 1915. He was succeeded by J. M. Gibson. He was out of the service from 1882 to 1885. He was previously manager of the store at MacLeod, Alberta, and Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

During his period at Nelson, he was an active citizen, and at one time was president of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital.

From his retirement in March, 1915, until August of this year, he was secretary of the Nelson board of trade, and also the secretary of the Nelson branch of the Retail Merchants' Association.

In 1883, Mr. Gigot was elected to the Manitoba legislature, representing St. Francois Xavier, Manitoba.

Born in Mayence, Germany, in 1847, Mr. Gigot received his education at Jacobys College.

He came to Canada in 1864 and was first engaged in railway construction work, until he joined the **H B C** in 1873.

Mr. Gigot died at Nelson, B.C., on 2nd December, 1928.

Nelson, like the rest of the world, has suffered from the coldest spell known for years. The lake is frozen over for miles and no boats have come into Nelson for many weeks. The severe weather caused much sickness among the staff, and, unfortunately, just at the critical period of stocktaking.

The home of W. A. Gow was the scene of an enjoyable surprise party on the fourteenth anniversary of his wedding. Many members of the staff were present.

J. H. King, of the boot department, has gone east to visit his family.—*D. Green.*

Calgary

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Elizabethan room at the Hudson's Bay Company saleshop took on a festive appearance on Tuesday evening February 12, when more than five hundred members of the store staff attended the annual banquet. Row upon row of employees, all wearing brightly coloured paper hats, filled the main dining room and even overflowed into the cafeteria adjoining.

Early in the evening, C. A. Plows, retiring president of the association announced the names of those elected to fill executives during the coming year. Those elected were: F. Stampe, D. V. Hicks, Carl Morgan, A. C. Gilbert, S. E. Gahn and E. Glover.

Besides these, the executive will include the following whose term of office has not yet been completed: C. A. Plows, A. D. Vair, W. A. McCabe, C. J. Fewkes, W. Ilott, L. G. Cooke and H. S. A. Johnson. The president and other officers for the year will be named by the executive at its first meeting.

After the tables were cleared, a varied programme was presented, opening with an address by the chairman, F. M. Johnston, who referred to the success of the association during the past year and expressed the hope that the staff would help make this year an outstanding one in the history of the club.

During a short address, C. A. Plows outlined the work of the association, and stated that the Calgary club has many advantages over the clubs in other western cities. "The Calgary club's golf course and recreation grounds are exciting the envy of other Hudson's Bay associations in the west," he stated. The speaker urged the club members to make full use of the recreation facilities provided by the Company.

An interesting and humorous address entitled, "Let's be Popular," by Miss Isabella Hanbury, followed.

Repeated encores were demanded from Hector Totten and Helen Rulins, who contributed a number of very entertaining dance features to the programme. Hector's young brother, Gene, also won a place in the hearts of the audience by his singing of several popular songs, accompanied by dances.

The programme was concluded by a selection of songs sung by Mrs. Evelyn Going Webster. She was accompanied at the piano by Cecil Kappey.

After the concert was concluded, a novelty dance was held in the cafeteria, while whist tables were set up in the main dining room. Prizes were offered both for dancing and for the winners at cards.

Prizes in the progressive whist drive were won by Mrs. Rullens and Mr. Salter, who finished first, while consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. A. Bateman and Mr. Mattherson. In a novelty spot dance, Miss Waller and Mr. Eustace were the winners of valuable prizes. A prize was also given in a draw which took place during the evening, the lucky number being held by Miss Winthorne.

ISABELLE M. HANBURY LECTURES

Isabelle M. Hanbury gave five remarkable lectures to capacity audiences in our Elizabethan dining rooms in week ending the 9th February. Quite the best people in Calgary attended these lectures, and there has been an extraordinary amount of interest shown in Miss Hanbury's subjects. Following this, we arranged for Miss Hanbury to give consultations on house furnishings, decorating and rearranging, and also on fashionable apparel. Our bungalow on the fourth floor was entirely refurnished and decorated, showing such interesting features as the formal dining room, the sun living rooms, the rose bedroom, the jade guest room and the coloured kitchen.

P. J. Parker returned to Vancouver 11th February, after spending a few days in Calgary.

A. H. Doe and W. M. McLean have been working in conjunction with J. C. B. Horwood on plans for the extension to our store.

R. J. Macdonald, millinery, Miss Fraser, children's wear, H. S. A. Johnson, men's and boys' furnishings, have returned from eastern buying trips.

At time of writing, G. A. Greig and M. Stevenson, of our ready-to-wear department; J. H. Bodel, hardware department; A. N. Harper, R. J. Simpson and Miss Elston, art needlework; Mr. Brower, men's and boys' furnishings; Mrs. McKay, lingerie; Mrs. McCracken, fur department; Miss Patton, hosiery and gloves; and Miss Labitzky, are on eastern buying trips.

Additions to staff: Messrs. Robertson, Sidney, Bailey, Warrington.

Arrangements are being made to hold a formal fashion show in the store early in March.

We had the pleasure of visits from A. C. Gilbert, N. Douglas, H. O. Teasdall, F. W. C. Van Camp, W. Dale and S. D. Wilson.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of William McGregor, who, for many years, has served the Company in our carpet and linoleum departments. A faithful worker who enjoyed the respect and good will of all who knew him.

A CREDIT SHUFFLE

A large manufacturing concern, being quite sceptical of the financial condition of one of their customers, wrote a pretty stiff letter to them regarding their credit standing. They received a reply in due course from the customer, and the letter explained the delay in meeting their obligation in this way: "Dear sirs, we received your letter regarding our account, and for your information we would say that on the first of each month we collect all our bills payable and put them on our large office table and two of us shuffle them around and then our accountant picks out six and these bills are paid. Please understand definitely if we have any more impertinent letters from you you will not get in the shuffle next month. Yours faithfully, Blank & Company."—*L. H. Benjamin.*

STORE SERVICE

D. V. Hicks, assistant manager hardware department, contributes the following three items for the good of the cause of store service.

1—*I'm Waiting for Miss Smith*

How many times have you stepped up to a waiting customer and been greeted

with the remark, "Thank you! I'm waiting for Miss Smith?" But have you ever stopped to ask yourself why she would rather wait for Miss Smith than avail herself of your immediate services?

If you asked the customer, she would probably say, "Oh! she knows just what I want," or "Nothing seems to bother her."

How many people waited for you last week?

It's worth thinking over. Watch the mythical Miss Smith and see how she does it. You will be worth more to yourself and the Company.

2—*Who Gets the Credit*

How many things we could get accomplished if no one cared who got the credit for them and we were only interested in the advancement of our section or department.

Almost every day we hear someone remark "I would suggest this or do that if I were sure I would get the credit." Put every idea you have into effect and you may be sure that sooner or later your ability will be recognized. Don't be afraid that someone else will take your ideas from you and claim them as their own, because it can't be done very long.

Take the broad view of Rudyard Kipling when he wrote:

"They copied all they could follow,
But they could not copy my mind,
So I left them sweating and stealing
A year and a half behind."

3—*Good Morning, Mrs. Jones!*

This cordial greeting was given by a street car conductor to someone he evidently knew who was just entering.

As I was sitting there, this thought occurred to me, what a wonderful thing it would be if we could greet this way every customer entering our departments.

While this would be impossible where hundreds of customers are served daily, there are many of our regular customers who come back day after day, week after week, and they would feel much more at home and welcome in our store if we could call them by name. This is what takes us back to the same barber or hairdresser year after year. They call us by name and know just what we want.

Start tomorrow and greet every customer with whom you come in contact with a cheery "Good Morning." Try to remember their names and see how well it works.

Auto Tourist—I clearly had the right of way when this man ran into me, and yet you say I was to blame.

Local Officer—You certainly were.

Autoist—Why?

Local Officer—Because his father is Mayor, his brother is Chief of Police and I go with his sister.

Edmonton Retail

THE LAWS OF A BUSINESS

(With apologies to Capt. E. Hopwood, R.N., who wrote "The Laws of the Navy")

Now these are the laws of a business,
Unwritten and varied they be,
And he who is wise will observe them
Who'd climb to the top of the tree.
Be courteous to customers ever,
Attentive and ready to please;
Reflect—the repute of a business
Is built on such actions as these.

Be loyal to those whom you work for,
Who pay you your money each week;
When talking, should your firm be mentioned,
Be sure it's a good word you speak.
Be loyal to those whom you work with,
Yours isn't the principal role;
And when you decide on an action,
Be sure it is good for the whole.

Be punctual to work in the morning,
And heed not the clock through the day;
The man who does more than he's paid for
Is sure to climb high on his way.
Have respect for the man who's above you;
Take orders and do them with zest,
For he who knows how to take orders
Is he who can give them the best.

Now these are the laws of a business,
Unwritten and varied they be,
And he who is wise will observe them,
Who'd climb to the top of the tree.
As the smoke rises high from the engine,
Floats away and is lost in its wake,
So shall you drop behind all unheeded
Such time as these laws you forsake.

T. B. Thomas-Peter,
Assistant Office Manager.

Through the local press, announcement was recently made of a new warehouse and office building for **H B C**. The plans call for a reinforced concrete structure 100 feet by 150 feet, three storeys and basement, with foundation for three additional storeys. This building will be erected on the site of the Lamson block on 103rd street, which was recently destroyed by fire. The estimated cost of the building is $200,000. The building will house the Company's land office, the offices of the McKenzie-Athabaska district of the fur trade, and the wholesale grocery. It is expected that building operations will commence in April.

We welcome C. Chubb as manager of the smallwares, jewellery, trimmings, neckwear, gloves and hosiery.

V. Near has been transferred from the staples department to be assistant to A. Baird, of the home furnishings department.

We welcome W. J. Spencer as manager of the silk and staple department.

Winnie Fisher, formerly of the credit office, became the bride of N. Carswell on January 10. The happy couple now reside in Barrhead, Alberta.

E. Bergot has returned to the store as assistant to W. J. Spencer in the silks and staples departments.

The following department managers have recently returned from the eastern markets: J. O'Brien, ready-to-wear, millinery, lingerie and children's department; V. Conley, assistant to J. O'Brien; C. Chubb, smallwares, hosiery and glove departments; W. J. Spencer, silks and staples; E. Bergot, assistant to W. J. Spencer; E. Sexsmith, drugs and stationery F. Hooper, boys' and men's clothing departments, F. B. Gray, women's and men's shoes; B. Twitchell, hardware and sporting goods; A. Baird, home furnishings; D. Wismer, china department.

We have recently been favoured with a visit from P. J. Parker, western zone manager, and A. H. Doe, controller of stores construction.

The following new members have recently joined the staff: J. Nitzer, H. Innis, E. Graham, Mrs. L. McInnes, Coughlan, P. Dunn, D. Jones, H. Devlin.

The house league at five-pins bowls regularly every Monday night from eight to eleven. Some very good scoring is done.—*J. P. McNichol.*

Edmonton Wholesale

C. W. Veysey, our general manager, paid us a visit on his regular tour of inspection at the end of January, and while here looked over the proposed site for the new wholesale warehouse.

We also had the pleasure of a visit from A. H. Doe, controller of stores construction, also J. C. B. Horwood, the Company's architect, who are preparing plans for the new building.

The prospects for the coming season appear bright and the building permits taken out in the city of Edmonton to date this year far exceed those for the corresponding period of 1928.—*D. W. McCurdy.*

Saskatoon

We all sincerely sympathize with our manager, R. R. Harvey, and his family, in his recent sickness. We are glad to hear that he is now progressing towards recovery. One and all wish him an early return to his duties.

Lethbridge

Tennis Group, Lethbridge Staff

Left to right—R. Bailey, R. McFadyen, K. Muggins, D. Smith, A. Wisely, I. Wisely, D. Lloyd and G. Peart.

P. J. Parker, zone general manager, British Columbia and Southern Alberta, made a visit to Lethbridge on February 2.

We welcome to our staff A. E. Dodman, of Montreal, who has been appointed manager of this branch. Mr. Dodman has been in the Company's service for twenty-seven years, starting in at Fort William, Ont., as buyer and manager of dry goods, ready-to-wear, etc., in 1901. After some years in this capacity, he was promoted to take charge of the Company's store at Kenora, Ont. In June, 1911, he was appointed manager of the Lethbridge store, where he remained until the spring of 1914, at which time he was transferred to assume charge of the Company's newly enlarged store at Edmonton. After spending some years in this capacity, he was in charge at Kamloops, B.C., from which position he was subsequently transferred to the Company's administration offices in Winnipeg as assistant merchandise superintendent, in which capacity he paid several visits of inspection to this city. For the past five years he has been resident buyer for the Company in Montreal.

We also welcome J. H. Cormie, formerly of Calgary, as assistant manager. Mr. Cormie is manager of the dry goods and ready-to-wear departments, also advertising manager.

We welcome D. Neilson to the office staff and B. Parker to the shipping department.

A. Morris, of the men's and boys' wear department, has been transferred to the dry goods department.

The sympathy of the staff is extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. McFadyen in the loss of Mrs. McFadyen's sister.

We also wish to express our deep sympathy to L. Tullock, of the shipping department, in the loss of his sister.

H.B.E.A.A.

The members of the Hudson's Bay Employees' Athletic Association and their friends held a masquerade dance in the Canadian Legion hall on October 24. The music was supplied by the Melody Queen's five-piece orchestra and a good time was reported by all.

R. Bailey was the "belle" of the evening and provided plenty of amusement. Dressed as a "Hula-Hula" girl, he was awarded the prize for the men's best comic costume. D. Randle, of the groceteria department, took the prize for the ladies' best comic costume. appearing as a negro. Mrs. Lush, whose costume represented the old fashioned belle, was awarded the prize for the best dressed lady, while J. Wilson, dressed as a Spaniard, took the prize for the best dressed gentleman.

The annual business meeting of the association was held in the Canadian Legion hall on January 15.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, J. H. Cormie; vice-president, A. Scott; secretary-treasurer, S. E. Upton. Executive—K. Muggins, A. Wisely, D. Frayne, R. Bailey, D. V. Hardyman, R. Myers.

A number of changes have been made in the store recently, and there are possibilities of great improvements being effected in the near future. The oncoming of the spring season brings with it high expectations of a very busy time, and all departments are busy clearing stocks and preparing their orders for spring merchandise.

A. E. Dodman, our manager, is leaving for the east shortly, and on his return will be accompanied by his family, who at present are in Montreal.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to our accountant, D. V. Hardyman, in the arrival of another baby girl.

At the annual business meeting of the association, A. I. Garrick was elected correspondent to *The Beaver.—A. I. Garrick.*

Regina Wholesale

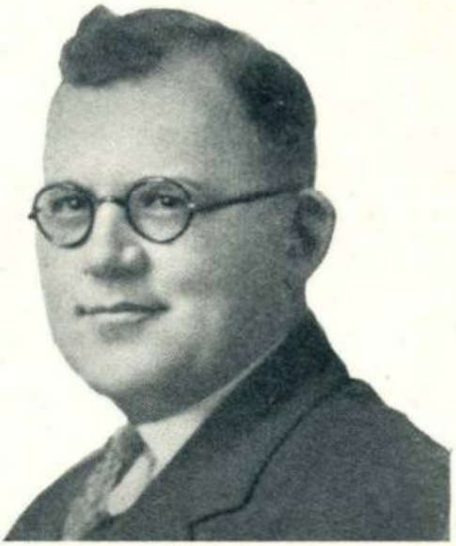
We had a visit of inspection from C. W. Veysey, wholesale general manager.

We hope to be well established in our new warehouse by 1st March.

"I always go to bed between eleven and twelve."

"Wow! That's too many in bed for me!"

Winnipeg



J. C. Donaldson

J. C. Donaldson is the popular manager of our meat and fish department, and is one of the most highly esteemed members of our Winnipeg organization. He is also one of the most widely known livestock men of Western Canada.

In March, 1927, he was unanimously elected president of the Manitoba Winter Fair, which position he still retains. Due to his splendid leadership, the fair of 1928 was the finest ever held in Manitoba.

In June, 1928, Mr. Donaldson was appointed to the National Meat Board of Canada, and was also one of a committee of five delegated to approach the Dominion government with a view to enforcing the grading and stamping of beef for retail trade. Mr. Donaldson was the instigator of this movement by placing on the market **H B C** Red Ribbon beef under a registered brand.

On the occasion of his birthday, January 12, the members of the department of agriculture gathered to offer congratulations, and the Hon. Albert Prefontaine, minister of agriculture, on behalf of his department, presented Mr. Donaldson with gold cuff links as a token of their esteem.

Mr. Donaldson hails from Brandon, and is a close personal friend of our lieutenant-governor, the Hon. J. D. McGregor, who is also a Brandon citizen.—*T. F. Reith.*

THE MOTOR SHOW

Bonspiel week in Winnipeg was also motor show week, and again this year the event was housed on the fourth floor of the store. Throngs of male citizens and their ladies attended the opening night.

The display of cars, about one hundred and twenty in number, was most interesting.

The official opening of this, the twenty-fifth annual show, took place at 7.30 p.m. when W. H. Cooke, general manager, delivered the silver anniversary address. Mr. Cooke expressed the pleasure it gave his Company to co-operate with the Winnipeg Motor Trades Association in putting on so wonderful a display as had been gathered together by the dealers. He also expressed his pleasure with the method of handling the show business by President Kickley, the members of the show committee, and A. C. Emmett, the show manager, who had produced such effects without friction of any sort.

President W. Kickley, when introducing Mr. Cooke, gave some interesting facts regarding the history of the association.

On behalf of the association, Mr. Kickley extended its sincere thanks to the Hudson's Bay Company for placing the floor space at its disposal.

The Princess Patricia's band occupied the large space between the elevators, and under the direction of Captain T. W. James, played an attractive programme of music.

On the opening night, there was a great crowd present up to the closing hour, and it is estimated that during the afternoon 8,000 persons were on the floor at one time. The interest kept up throughout the week, and there is no doubt the event brought many to the store who would not otherwise have come.

SUPPER AND PRESENTATION TO J. H. COUPAR

On December 27 the Fort Garry Hotel was a scene of a happy party composed of department managers of the Winnipeg store. W. H. Cooke made a genial host. He was accompanied at the head table by W. J. Scott, store manager, R. A. Cunningham, superintendent, R. Peirson and P. A. Chester.

After a royal repast, interspersed with songs led by R. Leckie and pianoforte selections by A. Wright, F. S. Shepherd and B. H. Cooke, W. H. Cooke addressed the gathering. He voiced optimism as to the future of the Company's business in Winnipeg and confidence in the ability of the department heads to carry on to still greater success.

W. J. Scott, in a short address, presented to the meeting a slogan for 1929 and challenged them to find a better one. It was the one word, WORK.

Then came the event of the evening, when W. H. Cooke in happy vein presented J. H. Coupar, buyer of furniture, with a wardrobe trunk and fitted travelling case —a gift from his associates on the occasion of his leaving the employ of **H B C**. Mr. Coupar expressed regret at leaving the Company's employ and hoped that he would be as happy and successful in his new venture as he had been during his three years' association with Hudson's Bay Company.

SOCIAL CLUB MASQUERADE

The Hudson's Bay Company social club held a successful hard times masquerade dance Wednesday evening in the Royal Alexandra hotel. The spacious ballroom was crowded by hundreds of employees and their friends. The costumes were judged by Mrs. W. H. Cooke, Mrs. C. Veysey, Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. R. A. Cunningham and Mr. J. C. Donaldson. The prize winners were: First, ladies', Ann Goldstein; first, gentlemen's, Basil Everitt; second, ladies', Gallacher; second, gentlemen's, F. Roussin. The special kiddies' prize was won by Master Freddie Hull. The committee in charge of affairs, M. Brown, P. Allan, Kelly, F. J. Parker, G. Thomson, J. Pearron, R. McLeod, W. Speed, V. Gray, D. G. Greig. After the interval favours were distributed, and the happy affair wound up in the small hours of the morning following the most enjoyable and successful dance of this season.

TOBOGGAN PARTIES

Members of the boys' clothing department held a party at Katherine Maitland's home on January 5. Tobogganing was enjoyed till 11 p.m., then a tramp, after which refreshments and a dance followed. Those present were: K. Maitland, A. Maxwell, G. Gustufson, H. White, F. Turner, D. Boyd, M. Bailey, D. Maitland, D. Dolan, A. McDonald, W. Davis, V. Andrews, B. Irish, S. Chandier, A. O'Hara and C. Jones.

The girls and ladies of the juvenile outfitting department held a very successful toboggan party at River Park, January 14. Leaving the slides at 9.45, the party proceeded to the home of Mrs. A. Brown for refreshments and dancing. The guests were kept in good humour by Bob Johnson. Among those attending were: Mrs. A. Brown (hostess), Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Lay; Misses W. Brown, J. Bird, I. Thompson, M. Palmer, P. Martin, F. Turner, M. Campbell, F. Cartney, B. Combers; Messrs. V. Bray, B. Johnson, D. Boyd, Jack Bell, Jim Love, S. Chanden, J. White, B. McCallem, G. Jackson, G. Smith and H. White.

During January, J. Waugh, of the merchandise office, was transferred to the wholesale, Harry White of the boys' clothing being transferred to the merchandise office to fill Mr. Waugh's place.

W. E. WATSON—G. A. CLAGUE

January 23 was a sad day in the store, for on that date two members of the staff were called by death: viz, W. E. Watson, G. Clague.

W. E. Watson, manager of books and stationery and of music and radio for the past two years and a half passed away on Wednesday, January 23, at Winnipeg General Hospital, a victim of septic pneumonia. In his early death the Company lost a valued servant at the outset of a career which showed great promise. A wide circle of friends and business associates will miss him greatly. Mr. Watson was born in Rathfarland, County Down, Ireland, thirty-eight years ago. He came to Canada with his family and settled in Winnipeg. For twelve years he was with the T. Eaton Company. Mr. Watson was married just before the war, but leaves no children. He was an ardent golfer and recently was champion of the Southwood Club. A large number of friends attended his funeral, and many beautiful floral tributes bore testimony to his popularity. Pall bearers were R. S. Chappell, W. A. Cunnington, W. M. Holmes, A. G. Donaldson, T. Stephenson, and A. Wright, all of whom are members of our own staff.

G. A. Clague, a member of the porters' staff for the past four years, succumbed to tuberculosis at Ninette Sanatorium, Wednesday, January 23. He was stricken with a hemorrhage while at work last October and was in hospital at Winnipeg and Ninette until his death. A man of cheery disposition, he was well liked among his associates, who proved their interest in his welfare by very practical help during his long illness. Mr. Clague was laid to rest in Brookside cemetery on Saturday, January 26, in the presence of a large number of his friends. He leaves a wife and two children, who wish through *The Beaver* to express thanks to his associates and to the employees' welfare association for many kindnesses received during their trying time.

NEW APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

The following appointments and changes have lately taken place in the store personnel:

F. S. Sheppard is now manager of toys, sporting goods and electricals.

F. W. Sutherland is buyer of silks and fabrics. Mr. Sutherland comes from the Edmonton store.

R. S. Carey has joined the superintendent's office to work on store service.

A. E. MacKenzie, traffic manager, has been transferred to superintendent's office on expense control.

A. J. Wright is at present acting manager in our music and radio department.

G. M. Hamblin has taken over new duties as manager of the contract office.

H. Storey is a newcomer and holds the position of buyer for men's clothing department.

B. H. Cooke, lately of the men's clothing department, is now buyer of furniture.

J. W. Black, formerly assistant in men's clothing department, has been transferred to boys' furnishings and clothing departments as buyer.

H. W. Hamilton, assistant on fashion floor, has been appointed buyer of books and stationery.

W. M. Holmes has taken over new duties as sales promoter.

W. N. Oakes, formerly assistant in hardware, electrical and toy departments is now manager of the hardware department.

J. McLeod, formerly first assistant in the restaurant, is now manager.

W. E. Gray, who was assistant in advertising office, is now in charge of the mail order.

The following buyers are on trips to Europe: D. Coulter, men's furnishings; F. S. Sheppard, toys, sporting goods and electricals; G. Lockey, linens; R. McBeth, gloves and hosiery; N. Cook, ladies' underwear department; R. J. Cooke, china department; C. J. Atkinson, notions; Mrs. C. Stevenson, children's wear.

A. J. Ketchen is at present in Saskatoon, relieving Mr. Harvey, store manager, who is absent owing to sickness.

Agnes Parker, who has been for years one of our most popular young ladies, both in the old store and the new, has at last succumbed to Cupid's darts. We wish her all kinds of happiness.

Mabel Clegg, fashion artist in the advertising department, left the Company's employ December 18, and was presented with a handsome set of Indian brassware by her associates of the advertising office. Her marriage to Leslie Marshall on Saturday, December 29, took place at Holy Trinity Church. The same evening the "newlyweds" entrained for Vancouver.

I. Robertson, of the credit department, has at last realized an ambition she has held for years. For some time she has been studying art and has talent. Beginning with the new year she became a member of the art department of the advertising office, where her gift for drawing will now be of practical use.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Mikado tea rooms in the form of a supper-dance on Saturday, December 8, by employees and friends of the shoe departments. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bowdler, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pegler, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. N.

Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Massey, Mrs. I. Billedeau, Mrs. E. Humphries; Misses L. Marzette, B. Cliffe, M. Pike, F. Hunt, V. Reid, G. Bennett, F. Leith, I. Cliffe; Messrs. A. Smith, L. Mackay, G. Scott, J. Gray, T. Lane, B. Haltalin and J. Scott.

Early in January many of the assistant buyers went to eastern markets on short buying trips. These trips afford the parties concerned valuable experience in the markets. Those who went included: G. Carson, men's furnishings; C. Campbell, hose and gloves; D. McLaren, notions; J. Antliff, handbags; W. Shane, silks and woollens; A. H. Godfrey, jewellery; S. Taylor, drugs; W. Oakes, hardware; V. Morrison, staples; G. Bowdler, shoes; A. Whitney, rugs; E. H. Holmes, children's wear; A. Parker, neckwear and art needlework; C. Dilnutt, blouses and housedresses; M. C. Burgess, underwear.

F. Smale, assistant in ladies' dress department, was also away on a buying trip to Europe, her first experience in the overseas markets.

Mr. Griffin, manager of the drapery department, is being congratulated on the recent arrival of a son to his home.

The men's clothing staff enjoyed a snowshoe tramp to the Cabbage Patch on January 19. A large party took advantage of the occasion to get together.

R. Stevenson, of the employment office, was taken sick in December, his illness developing into double pneumonia. At one time his life was despaired of, but he rallied well and is now on the way to complete recovery, though still confined to bed in the General Hospital—*T. F. Reith.*

FOOTBALL CLUB DANCE

A successful dance was promoted and carried out by the football club on January 16 at Norman Hall. About one hundred people were present. A prize waltz was the feature of the evening, first prize going to V. Allison, of the telephone department, partnered by W. Humphreys; second prize, M. Symes and J. Symes; third prize, D. Smith and K. Naughton; fourth prize, F. Wilbur and R. Stephenson. Judges were F. Holmes, A. Miller and J. Knight.

Good music was supplied by Muir's orchestra. J. Muir is goalkeeper for the football club. During an interlude little Margaret Weir, daughter of Dave Weir, football captain, entertained with some clever step dancing. Much credit is due the committee in charge—J. McCarthy, J. Knight, Hugh Perry and J. Lindsay.—*F. Holmes.*

SPORT

Big-4 Hockey League

Standing at February 16:

	W.	L	D.	Pts.
C.P.R.	4	1	1	9
Grain Exchange	3	3	0	6
C.N.R.	2	4	1	5
H B C	2	4	0	4

March 7 will see the finish of the Big-4 schedule, when preparations will be made for the play-off. To date the season has proved a marked success. Packed rinks have seen every game and the players have responded by delivering a fast brand of hockey. Games have been keenly contested, with the winner having little edge on the loser.

Two unfortunate accidents occurred when Eddie Stephenson, brilliant defence man of the **H B C** suffered a broken collar bone and later Jimmy Foster, C.P.R. goalkeeper, received a broken leg. Reports are that both are doing nicely.

C.P.R. are heading the parade, and are definitely in the play-off. Grain Exchange at present are second by a scant margin. C.N.R. have been the hard luck entry, losing several games by unfortunate breaks.

H B C are probably the most puzzling aggregation in the circuit. At times they have played championship hockey and at other times have been very ordinary. Their losses have been mostly by the one goal. Supporters are a little disappointed, but we still have a chance of gaining a play-off berth.

The importance of every remaining game is a feature that will undoubtedly provide the best hockey of the season, and there are in store for fans some thrilling encounters before the 1929 curtain rings down.—*Frank Morris.*

Curling—On New Year's Day a party of retail store curlers visited the Elmwood curling rink to compete in a friendly game with members of the Twilight Club, some of whom are on the staff of our land office. An enjoyable afternoon's sport resulted in a win and a loss to our curlers. O. Funnell, W. H. Davidson, T. F. Reith and G. Bowdler (skip) were victors over J. A. Hamilton's rink by a score of 10 to 5. J. Watts, J. Dangerfield, R.A. Leckie and T. Thorburn (skip) had a battle royal with B. Everitt's rink and lost out by one point—score 10 to 11. It was proposed by B. A. Everitt that the game be an annual affair and several more rinks be made up from the retail store. The idea is a good one and should be acted upon.

Hockey—On Sunday, February 10, a party of **H B C** hockey players journeyed to Letellier, fifty-four miles from Winnipeg, for a friendly encounter with the local team, travelling there by auto. A large and enthusiastic crowd was on hand to wel-

come the boys and a fast game resulted in a tie—3 to 3. For **H B C**, G. McLean, J. Bronteau and A. McIvor each scored. All members played good hockey and the team as a whole would give many a league team a good match, although none of the players are in our regular Big-4 line up. Team: J. Frossel, G. McLean, F. McDougall, A. McIvor, J. Bronteau, H. Webb, P. Jackman and W. Morris.

Badminton—J. Parr and H. Alcock, two members of the porters' staff, did well in the recent Manitoba badminton tournament. H. Alcock, playing with his brother, reached the finals of the doubles, gaining second prize. J. Parr played well in the singles, going to the third round.—*T. F. Reith.*

Poetic Request for Calendar

Once more a new year's with us all,
But still remains the same,
A firm that ever leads the way,
The "**H B C**" by name.

Whilst others come and pass away;
Their buildings new we view,
A noble structure come to stay
On Portage Avenue.

There I with others oft repair,
My needed wants to fill,
Assured that I will find therein
Both "service" and "goodwill."

But there is one small thing I'd like,
To mark the march of time,
An "**H B** calendar of yours
For nineteen twenty-nine."

With "season's compliments" I close,
Wishing "success" your due,
For enterprise that rightly shews
The public's "faith" in you.

—*R. F. Marshall, M.R.S.C.A.*

Winnipeg Wholesale

BOWLING

The ladies' bowling team entered in the Caterer's League was successful in winning the first series of games, making them eligible to compete in the finals for the cup. The prize awarded for the highest average during the month was won in November by Jean Thompson and in December by Norma Scott.

A. Officer has been transferred from the office staff at this branch to the position of accountant at Yorkton. Mr. Officer carried with him the best wishes of the wholesale staff for his future success.

We welcome to the staff M. Milne, Leo Evenden, S. Penwarden and H. E. Waugh.

W. Paterson rejoins the staff at this point in the capacity of one of the city salesmen for the tobacco and confectionery department.

D. F. Reid (Jerry) resigned 31st December to take an appointment with L. O. Grothe. We wish Mr. Reid every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Paterson are now the proud parents of a baby boy. According to the latest reports, Mrs. Paterson and little "Billy" are doing well.

Winnipeg General

We welcome Mr. George W. Allan, K. C. chairman of the Canadian Committee, back home after his extended visit to various points in Eastern Canada and the United States. We are pleased to see him looking so fit.

Hugh Conn, general inspector of the Fur Trade department, was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, London, England.

SOCIAL

An interesting evening was spent by the staff of the wholesale building on Tuesday, January 29th, when a social was held in the fur trade in the form of a concert and dance.

The concert, which was supported by A. E. Bridgwater and Bill Everitt, assisted by a bevy of charming young ladies from both the fur and land departments, was a great success.

Another social is contemplated about March 6, and from all accounts there will be a one-hundred-per-cent gathering. A. E. Bridgwater proposes to put on a minstrel show, supported by the ladies. Rehearsals, I understand, are now in full swing.

Land Department

Winnipeg

The following ladies have severed their connections with the **H B C**: R. Frederickson and M. Littleproud, of the legal and tax units respectively. R. Moorhouse, of the lease unit, who has been with the Company a number of years, has resigned and is visiting California.

H. A. J. Macdougall retired from the Company's service at 31st January, 1929. He entered the service in November, 1917.

The tax and conveyance units have now been merged under the direction of F. H. Nicholson.

The land commissioner recently visited Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa and Montreal.

W. M. Browell, our new travelling representative, is spending the winter in Winnipeg and expects to be ready to go out into the field in April next.

Stanley Fairs, of the tax unit, left the Company's employ last December and returned to England. Before leaving, he was presented with a cheque on behalf of the land department. He takes with him every kind wish for his future prosperity.

CURLING

It is true there is a perfectly good and handsome challenge cup in the land department which can be possessed for one year by four enthusiasts of the besom and things Scottish, not to mention the honour they might attain to of having their names engraved upon a neat little shield. It is sad to relate that among the rugged men of the land department not sufficient enthusiasm could be maintained to organize the requisite rinks to play for what should be a coveted trophy.

The ladies seem to possess the greater enthusiasm, but not in a sufficient degree to weigh against the lethargy of the male species in regard to curling.

Under the unhappy circumstances, a remnant of the earlier band of enthusiasts with incredible insistence gathered themselves into two little bands of four, and then hurled defiance and doubt as to the others' curling abilities. The result is that upon the outcome of five games hangs a gorgeous feast to be provided by the losers. Perhaps in the next issue of *The Beaver* reference may have to be made to the conclusion of this affair.—*B. A. Everitt.*

LUCAS G. THOMPSON

Lucas G. Thompson, mining geologist of the land survey department of the Hudson's Bay Company, died at Misericordia Hospital, February 8, after a prolonged illness. He was thirty-five years old.

Mr. Thompson was the only son of the late William H. Thompson, chief inspector of customs. He was born in Winnipeg, July 23, 1893, and received his education here, with the exception of two years at Hitching's grammar school in England.

After completing his collegiate course, Mr. Thompson served two years with the Beaver Lumber Company before taking his university course. He specialized in geology and spent two years, 1915 and 1916, with the Geological Survey of Canada, under Dr. E. L. Bruce.

He graduated as a master of science from the University of Manitoba in 1919 and for the next two years carried on research work with Dr. R. C. Wallace, acting as assistant instructor in the geological department at the same time.

Eight years ago Mr. Thompson joined the services of the Hudson's Bay Company His work had been both technical and explorative.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his widow and a two-year old daughter.

He was of a quiet and cheerful disposition and was highly popular with his fellow workers.

The funeral service was held on 11th February, and burial took place at St. John's cemetery. Representatives of the Company attended.

ARNOLD McQUISTON

The entire staff regret to learn of the death of Arnold McQuiston, of the land department, on 20th February. Mr. McQuiston had been ill for some months and latterly had been cared for in St. Rochs Hospital, St. Boniface. He had no relatives in Canada but had daily visitors from amongst his many friends, and during his illness he had the comfort of knowing that he had their kindly sympathy and interest.

Mr. McQuiston was born 28th February, 1896. He came to Canada early in 1914, enlisted 1st December, 1914, and served overseas with the C.A.M.C. In January, 1917, he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He entered the Hudson's Bay Company's service in 1922.

He is survived by his father in Ballymena, Ireland, a brother in Rhodesia, South Africa, and an aunt in Surrey, England.

Mr. McQuiston's burial took place at Brookside cemetery, under the direction of the Department of Militia and Defence.

H.B.C.O.S.L.

We quite frequently receive letters or personal calls at the office to ask if we can give the present address of someone from overseas "who came out to Canada." Sometimes they are known to have come out under the auspices of H.B.C.O.S., but at other times the enquirer seems to have implicit confidence in H.B.C.O.S. being able to locate the missing one if in Canada.

It was therefore nothing out of the ordinary when two men came in recently to ask if we kept any records of men who came out to us. We gladly confessed that such was "our middle name" so to speak, and at their request for information as to when Albert Atkin came out, looked through the 1928 records. As the name did not appear there, we went through 1927, and then further back through 1926,

and to justify the looks of keen expectancy on the faces of the enquirers, went again through 1928 records.

No good, however, and we asked if they could give any idea of the approximate date Albert came out.

After careful deliberation, one of them gave the unexpected answer, "Well, it would be about 1859!" "Yes," echoed the other, "about '59!"

We had to admit that this particular "immigrant" was before our time and as the enquirers were two patriarchal gentlemen in their seventies, each with a long white beard, asking about a companion of their youth, we referred them to *The Beaver*. Probably if we are asked in 1959 about one of our newcomers in 1929, we shall have better success.—*T. H. N.*

Hudson's Bay Company

By CHRISTINA WILLEY

We came before the land was made;
We sailed the Bay, we tramped the plain.
Adventurers all, stark, unafraid,
Romance we sought as well as gain.
And so, for full two hundred years,
Ho, ho, we were the pioneers!

We took the man from London town.
We lured the lad from Liverpool,
From distant isle and heather brown
The Celt came west and made our rule.
We never knew the townsman's fears,
Ho, ho, we were the pioneers!

We went by rivers, wild, unknown,
We made the trails for men to tread,
By lakes seen by the loon alone
We built our fire and made our bed
There, where the Dancing Light appears,
Ho, ho, we were the pioneers!

"Pro pelle cutem," skin for skin,
Sometimes we faltered—we were men—
But still we kept the Light within—
"So deal you may return again,"
Portage and rapid heard our cheers,
Ho, ho, we were the pioneers!

We saved an Empire for our land,
We took the flag where'er we went,
Justice we dealt with even hand,
We saw our work, and were content.
East, west, and north our long call hears,
Ho, ho, we were the pioneers!

Our heads were high, we had the right,
We stood four-square, as man to man;
We fought, when there was need to fight,
We finished that which we began.
We are, we have been, through the years,
Adventurers and pioneers.

Our Contributors

NO. 15—GEORGE PENDLETON

Born in Clevedon, Somerset, England.
Lived for four years in Bristol, England.
Came to Canada in the spring of 1906.
Served overseas for over four and a half years during Great War.

Severely wounded at Courcelette in September, 1916, while serving with Forty-ninth Battalion (Edmonton regiment).

Commenced service with Hudson's Bay Company December, 1920.

For the past five years has been Athabasca district accountant.

Has contributed to *The Beaver* a number of small, unsigned news and topical items.

Wrote "The Progress of a Governor" appearing in issue of *The Beaver* of September, 1928, and "Thomas Simpson, Arctic Explorer," which appeared in December, 1928.

Was successful in taking second place in the recent competition, "What Do I Know About the Hudson's Bay Company.'

Fur Trade
Winnipeg

We hear that Hugh Conn and his assistant, R. H. G. Bonnycastle, are making good time on their way up the Mackenzie river. We understand that Mr. Bonnycastle has become an expert dog driver.

Montreal

At Montreal, on the 3rd November, 1928, the wife of D. G. Snape, of English River post, of a son, Dudley Barrington, named after his father.

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REGINA, SASK.
PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.
THE PAS, MAN.
MONTREAL, QUE.

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The One Man Post

Mended the fish net, tied the floats,
Straightened the flag pole, resacked the oats;
I must paint the fence and oil the gun;
Tomorrow I'll do that new Form 1.
Arranged the shelves and swept the floor,
Filled the showcase, unstuck the door,
Must open some bales and see what's new;
Tomorrow I'll do that F.T. 2.
Packed the furs and filled the lamp,
Mended the band of the rubber stamp,
Now to the warehouse for a case of tea;
Tomorrow I'll do that F.T. 3.
Set the mousetraps, caulked the boat,
Sold some candy and a mackinaw coat,
Must pack some water to the cabin door;
Tomorrow I'll do that F.T. 4.
The gate needs fixing, I'll order a latch,
Must hoe the potatoes and garden patch,
I'll water them now and the things will thrive;
Tomorrow I'll do that F.T. 5.
Here's the pipe for the kitchen flue,
New fire box lining to put in too,
These pieces won't take long to fix;
Tomorrow I'll do that F.T. 6.
Entered the books, the cash is all right,
The debts look big and the profits light,
Must turn in now its after eleven;
Tomorrow I'll do that F.T. 7.
Cleaned the windows, bought some meat,
Baked some bread, now its time to eat,
Must sort the mail and check the freight;
Tomorrow I'll do that new Form 8.
Here's a letter; they want to know
The average height the Indians grow;
Deaf Dan will be here in a month or six.
He's sure to know, I must split some sticks.

—*S. Hodgkinson*, **H B C**, *B.C. District.*

British Columbia District

Wm. Ware, district manager, returned to Vancouver on 23rd December, having completed an inspection of all the posts and outposts in the district.

We congratulate S. Hodgkinson, our accountant, on the addition of a daughter to his family on 20th December.

Kenneth Wilson joined the staff of the district office on 8th October.

Raymond Wardrop joined the staff in November as an apprentice in the fur purchasing department.

L. D. French, our fur buyer, attended the fur sales held in Seattle on 12th and 13th December.

On January 17th, our office staff attended the banquet given by the Hudson's Bay Employees' Association in the Georgian Restaurant, Vancouver retail store, and had an enjoyable time.

We regret the death of John McPherson, which occurred on 14th November after a long illness. The late Mr. McPherson was a pensioner of the Company, having served for many years at Fraser Lake, Babine and Fort St. James.

Our sympathy is extended to E. G. Boyd, our cashier, who lost her father on 20th January after a prolonged illness. Miss Boyd and her mother have gone to California for a short visit.

W. N. Aiken, manager of Tacla post, visited Babine post in January, bringing out furs and receiving mail.

The alterations to our offices and fur room were completed towards the end of January, and we are now in full occupation.

Among recent visitors were included C. W. Veysey, of Winnipeg; John Melvin, assistant district manager of the Mackenzie River-Athabasca district; John Davis, of the Alberta & Arctic Transportation department; and Mr. Ferrier, of Waterways.—*Wm. Ware.*

Mackenzie-Athabaska District

ALBERT LOGAN

We regret to report the death of Albert Logan, which occurred at Little Red River, Athabasca district, where Mr. Logan was in charge. He contracted a virulent form of diphtheria and after ten days died on 20th December. Mrs. Logan recognized the disease in its early stages and took every precaution to prevent it spreading, knowing well the disastrous effect it would have on the native population of the district. Dr. Hammon hurried down from Fort Vermilion, but was unable to save Mr. Logan's life.

A special courier was immediately sent to Peace River with a call for assistance from the provincial officer of health. The message reached Peace River on December 31st. On 2nd January an aeroplane was dispatched with antitoxin and instruments. The machine was an open "Avian" of small horsepower, piloted by Captain "Wop" May and Lieut. Vic. Horner. It made a successful flight. The chances against such a small plane making the trip in sub-zero weather were many, and the pilots deserve the greatest credit for their venture. Naturally the outbreak caused much anxiety on the Peace river.

Mr. Logan was born in Montreal fifty-one years ago. He had been in the service of the Company a little over two years, but in that time had shown that he

was a man such as the Company needs. Quiet and unassuming, he was a good trader and made friends wherever he went. He leaves a widow, to whom, in her hour of sorrow, we extend our sincere sympathy.

FELIX AKENUM

On 22nd December the oldest resident of the Peace River country, and believed to be the oldest person in Western Canada, passed away at Notikiwin. Felix Akenum was at least one hundred and five years of age, and possibly older, when he died. He was born at Fort Vermilion, and in his youth adopted the name of "Shaw," probably from the eccentric officer of that name who had charge of the fort in those days. So far as is known, Felix was working for the Company ninety-six years ago. While he could speak fluently all the native dialects of the northern tribes, as well as French, he spoke but little English. He had a large circle of friends and acquaintances. "Old Akenum," as he was always called, was an old-time *voyageur*, and had travelled with many high officials of the Company, including Sir George Simpson. As a canoeman he was held in high repute. Almost to the end of his life he was a hunter hard to equal.

On the whole this has been a mild winter, but so was that of forty years ago. Very little snow fell that year and freighters had great difficulty in transporting goods to the Company's posts in Athabasca district. In March, 1889, Dr. William McKay, visiting posts of which he had charge, skated from Lesser Slave Lake to Athabasca Landing, a distance of two hundred miles, as dogs could not be used, so bare was the ice. On reaching Edmonton, the doctor found the weather mild and the dust flying.

MRS. WM. BORWICK

Another link with the early history of Fort Edmonton has been broken with the death of Mrs. William (Betsy) Borwick, of Andrew, who was buried in Edmonton on Saturday, January 26th, 1929. Mrs. Borwick was born in Edmonton ninety-six years ago. She was the daughter of Colin Fraser, the well-known piper to Sir George Simpson. Though born so many years ago, Mrs. Borwick is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mr. Colin Fraser, of Fort Chipewyan. Mrs. Borwick leaves one daughter and three sons. —*L. Romanet.*

No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.—*Calvin Coolidge.*

Saskatchewan District

A. B. Cumming, district manager, left on January 8, 1929, on an inspection tour of all posts in the Isle a la Crosse sector of this district.

We welcome R. J. Spalding, who joined our staff recently at Cumberland House post.

We also welcome F. H. Geddes, who is now attached to our district office staff. —*A. B. Cumming.*

PINE RIVER POST

Pine River post, which was established by the present manager, Charles E Belanger, seven years ago, is situated at the head of Waptchunak rapids, fifty miles more or less northeast of the once all-important Isle a la Crosse post.

The territory supervised by Mr. Belanger and his staff is a large one and necessitates the establishing of several outposts during the hue and cry for furs. The number of outposts operated from Pine River post vary according to fur prospects and the location of the Indians. The Chipewyan Indian, who measures mileage in winter by dog team, would inform you, with a good train of dogs it is "not too far" to some of these outposts but with poor dogs it is "a long ways."

Contrary to belief of our friends on the outside, we do not stay in one of those "dear little wooden shacks;" neither do we go to bed with our moccasins on, nor do we live on "suckers" (fish) and dried meat three times a day. No, we have a surprisingly good and comfortable two-storey dwelling house, attached to which is a nice little veranda overlooking a garden heavily bedecked with all sorts of pretty flowers and just enough weeds and long grass showing up at intervals to remind one of a wilderness. From said veranda one can command a wonderful view across Wapatchunak lake, the lake shore with its many pleasant little sand beaches and stretches upon stretches of beautiful wild unsurveyed country.

Further, a casual glance through the Pine River post daily journal is sufficient to convince anyone that so far as mess is concerned we live like Royal Turks. In summer fruit appears daily on our menu, as does also beef supplied from a well known city abattoir. Potatoes, cabbages, and other vegetables, which are grown extensively at a point not a hundred miles from here are always on hand. Breakfast bacon is always carried in stock, and eggs are no strangers to the mess table, although this latter commodity can only be purchased at a price slightly above par.

As for the proverbial sucker, this is only dog feed, and even then only when white fish are not obtainable. Also the much

talked of dried meat, of which a little goes a long way, cannot be despised altogether, and it is invariably carried in the "grub box" when on the trail.—"*Beans.*"

The "Stork" visited Pine River post, departing in the early hours of Thursday morning, November 1st, 1928, leaving to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Belanger the gift of a great big bouncing baby boy. All well. —*The Staff.*

STANLEY POST

The middle of May brought spring in all its glory; also S. A. Keighley, formerly post manager here, he being on his way to Winnipeg.

The early part of June was spent taking inventory and preparing for the visit of our district manager.

A Miss Allcock arrived from Lac la Ronge mission to assume duties as school teacher here for the summer months, school opening on the 25th.

A. B. Cumming, district manager, arrived after a none too comfortable trip from Lac la Ronge, getting us out of bed a little before midnight on the 29th.

S. A. Keighley arrived back from the "bright lights," *en route* for the Far North again, leaving with Mr. Cumming at 5 a.m. on 5th July.

Ninth July brought the Rev. W. E. J. Paul and wife to supply the religious atmosphere for a short time. They left in the early part of August.

The Indian agent arrived on 16th July and paid treaty to the Indians on the 18th.

On 24th August, Miss Allcock joined the band of happy housewives by marrying A. S. Nunn, manager of Revillon Freres, at Lac la Ronge, spending their honeymoon at Stanley, Mrs. Nunn continuing duties at school until 20th Sept., returning with her husband to Lac la Ronge on the 25th.

Corporal Molloy of the R.C.M.P. made his semi-annual visit during August, and reports Stanley as being a peaceful, law-abiding village.

About the middle of September the attorney-general of Saskatchewan, T. C. Davis, passed through *en route* to The Pas.

The clerk caused a little excitement by losing himself in the bush for a few days in the middle of October. He is back to work again looking none the worse for his experience, although he still complains of hunger.

All through the summer months prospectors and mining scouts by the canoe loads flooded this territory. Several aeroplanes were also here, some of them them being R.C.A.F. machines engaged in photographic work and others were Western Canada Airways machines bringing in representatives of various mining concerns. The mining fever swept through these parts, but to date nothing very exciting has happened.

Forest fires played havoc throughout the country, it being a very dry and windy season, with hardly any rain.

Everything is peaceful and quiet once more, the Indians having left for their hunting grounds.—*S. L. B.*

Keewatin District

The Pas, Manitoba, October 20th, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Anderson, of Wabowden, Manitoba, a daughter (Alice Margaret).

S. J. C. Cumming, district manager, left on the 29th November for the north, and returned to Winnipeg on the 20th December, having visited Gillam, Split Lake and Wabowden posts. He is at present again in the north, where he intends inspecting the remaining posts in the district, returning to Winnipeg about the middle of March.

A. Anderson, district accountant, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson and daughter, spent the Christmas season in Fort William.

Eric J. B. Spengeler has been engaged as apprentice clerk for service at Cross Lake post, to replace C. M. Gordon, who has been transferred to Owl River, outpost of Gillam, which has been established at Mile 412, Hudson Bay Railway.

Ernest W. Barton has also been engaged as apprentice clerk, and is stationed at Fort Alexander post.

Superior-Huron District

At Senneterre, on 8th February, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Lamb, of Berriere post, Quebec, a boy.

At Woswonaby on the 20th September, to Mr. and Mrs. F. McLeod, post manager, a baby girl.

Golfer (to partner)—Just look at that girl dressed like a man. What are her parents thinking of, anyway? I think it is disgraceful.

Partner—That, sir, is my daughter.

Golfer—I beg your pardon, I didn't know you were her father.

Partner—I'm not, I'm her mother.

St. Lawrence-Labrador District

We have had a number of visitors at the office during the past three months, among whom we would mention George W. Allan, K.C., also the fur trade commissioner, the chief accountant, and E. W. Fletcher, of the accounts department.

Of the district employees who have visited Montreal lately are S. H. Parsons, manager of the Newfoundland-Labrador; Robert Oakley, of the St. John's office, and W. O. Douglas, post manager of Baker Lake, who has gone to the Old Country on furlough.

The fur trade commissioner, accompanied by Mrs. French, and the district manager, sailed for England from New York on the S.S. *Mauretania* on the 11th January, and have not returned up to the time of writing, although they are expected about the beginning of March.

Messrs. McLure and MacKinnon, managers of the McLure & MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms Limited, have also been in England attending the Company's fur sale.

The Venerable A. L. Fleming, archdeacon of the Arctic, spent a week in Montreal last month lecturing, and visited the office several times during his stay.

The wholesale department has now been transferred to the fur trade department and the stores buying office has moved up town to the Confederation building.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Milne, of Romaine Post, at present on furlough in the Old Country, on the birth of a daughter on 24th January.

Newfoundlanders will be interested to learn that the Furness Withy Line has acquired the Red Cross Steamers, *Nerissa*, *Silvia* and *Rosalind* and will continue to operate them on practically the same services as formerly.

Preparations are now practically completed for the annual sealing venture off the Newfoundland coast. The usual number of vessels are going out, but we have heard no prophesies yet as to how things will go.

We have to welcome apprentices F. A. H. Wilson and H. S. Evershed, who arrived here from the Old Country last month, and who are now getting some experience at two of the nearby posts previous to proceeding to Prince Edward Island fox farms.—*Ralph Parsons.*

The best thing about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.

London, England

PRESENTATION TO ARTHUR BLAND

In making various presentations to Mr. Arthur Bland on the occasion of his completion of fifty years' service with the Company in London, England, our Governor, Mr. Charles V. Sale, made the following remarks, which should be of interest to every member in the service:

"I am very glad that it has fallen to me to celebrate with you the fiftieth anniversary of the day on which you started work in the old Lime Street warehouse.

"There are not many companies which last for so long as fifty years and there are not many men who hold their positions for such a length of time.

"I congratulate you on having done so, and on behalf of the Governor and Committee, thank you for the devoted and faithful care which you have always displayed in the performance of your duties.

"You have seen many changes, and as you look back you will probably remember the days when Mr. Rendall joined the Company in 1885, Mr. Forbes in 1906 and Mr. Henry in 1912. The Fur Trade Commissioner in Winnipeg is proud of the fact that he joined the Company forty-three years ago, and Mr. Parsons looks with equal pride on a record of twenty-nine years' service, but you take precedence in this respect over all of us who are here today.

"When you joined the Company, the Right Honourable George Joachim Goschen, M.P., was Governor of the Company. Since then you have served under five other Governors—Eden Colville, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Sir Thomas Skinner, Bart., Sir Robert Kindersley, and last of all myself—and though my association with the Company only commenced, comparatively speaking, a short

time ago—just a little less than fourteen years—I have always appreciated the work accomplished in the fur warehouse. Both Mr. Rendall and Mr. Forbes have told me—not once but many times—how much they valued your help and the way in which you led the men under your charge.

"I have much pleasure in handing you this bar, which, with the medal and the three bars you have already received, is a token of the fifty years. In honour of this special occasion, the Committee have asked me to give to you this cheque and this timepiece—the one to spend and the other to keep—as a reminder of our feelings towards you.

"In order that you may have the opportunity of enjoying a well-earned leisure, the Committee have also authorized a retiring allowance, but when you accept it, I hope you will still feel free to come and go as you like, for if you leave the warehouse entirely, we shall feel our loss too much.

Present at the meeting when timepiece, cheque and letter were presented to Arthur Bland: Charles V. Sale, Governor; A. K. Graham, managing director; A. Bland, foreman of fur warehouse; J. C. Brooks, secretary; R. A. Delf; J. D. J. Forbes, fur sales manager; Chief Factor C. H. French, fur trade commissioner; J. C. Garratt, deputy foreman; J. L. Henry, warehouse superintendent; Chief Factor R. Parsons, manager St. Lawrence-Labrador district; N. Paterson, accountant; J. H. Rendall, warehouse keeper; E. W. Roberts, surveyor; P. E. H. Sewell, assistant secretary.

As usually seems to be the case, the date for the completion of this letter coincides with our busiest period at sale time, so that we must perforce be brief.

Pride of place must be given to our congratulations to the foreman of the fur warehouse, known affectionately as "Arthur" by the members of all departments in London, on completion of fifty years' service with the Company. On this occasion he was presented by the Governor on behalf of the Committee with a fourth bar to his gold medal, and also a very fine striking clock. Later in the day another presentation took place by Mr. Rendall, warehouse keeper, on behalf of members of the Company's staff. Mr. Rendall made reference to Arthur's long and efficient service, and to the fact that no one present in the Hudson's Bay Company could remember the time when he had been absent from work or even late, and then handed him a silver tobacco pouch, together with a wallet of bank notes, as a memento from his colleagues. Arthur's reply was short but effective.

We are pleased to welcome a number of visitors from Canada. Chief Factor C. H. French, fur trade commissioner, from Winnipeg, and Chief Factor Ralph Parsons from Montreal. Messrs. McLure & MacKinnon from Prince Edward Island; H. Ambrose, manager, Fort George; A. Copland, manager, Southampton Island; W. O. Douglas, manager, Baker Lake; G. A. Fourlie, accountant, Nelson River district; E. R. Gowen, manager, Good Hope; F. E. Heath, manager, Pangnirtung; N. Henry, manager, Cartwright; A. MacPherson, clerk, Eskimo Point; A. Milne, manager, Romaine; F. J. Troup, manager, Clyde; and Fryer and Neil Cook, buyers, are all here at present.

On Friday, January 25, members of the Beaver Club and visitors had the opportunity of seeing the cinematograph record of the centennial celebrations of the arrival of Sir George Simpson at Fort St. James, as photographed by Mr. Chester, chief accountant at Winnipeg. In the evening the Canadian visitors were entertained to dinner at Frascatis' and spent what we hope was a pleasant evening with members of the London staff. Amongst other recent visitors to the London offices we were pleased to welcome the Rt. Rev. I. O. Stringer, Bishop of the Yukon.

The Christmas party of the Beaver Club was held in the reception room at Beaver House on Thursday, January 3, and was a great success. A record number of members and their friends attended—namely, over 150—and spent the evening dancing, playing games and listening to a clever sketch by Misses Dyall and Smith and some excellent singing by the Old Templars Octet. The fancy dress prizes, presented by Mrs. Thompson, were awarded to Miss Dyall, Miss Johnston and Miss King.

Our best wishes to Mr. G. M. Jeffrey, of the buying department, who has left us to take up a secretarial position in Valpariso, and also to Mr. Aldhouse, who has also recently left us.

Welcome to Messrs. Perfect and Young, who have joined the buying department, and also to Miss Rivers, who has joined the fur department.—*T. Ruttle.*

Yorkton, Sask.

The brightest spot in Yorkton is the corner of Broadway and Second Avenue where stands the Hudson's Bay Company store. A new lighting system has been installed, which gives each window seven dazzling 200-watt globes, the brilliancy of which is intensified by nine-inch Pittsburgh permaflectors.

Anne Thompson and Grace Smith, of the Yorkton store, paid a visit to the Winnipeg store in January and spent two very enjoyable weeks under its gigantic roof.—*Thos. Parker.*

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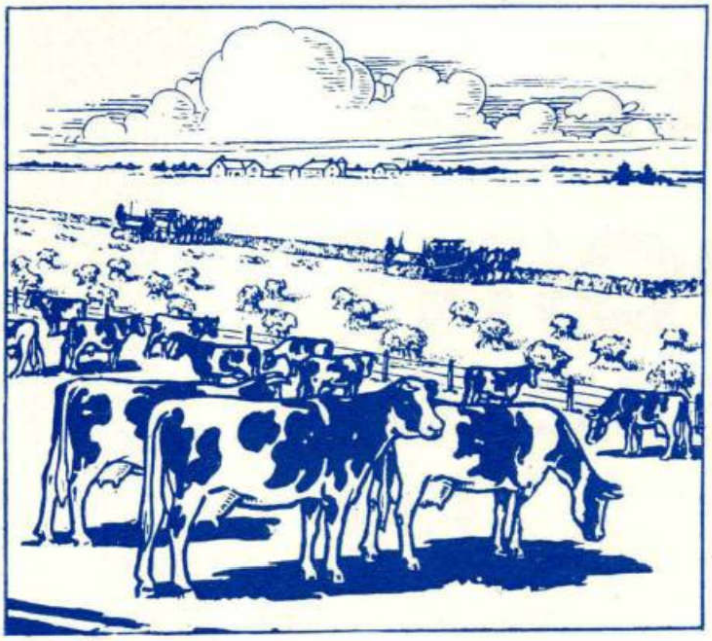

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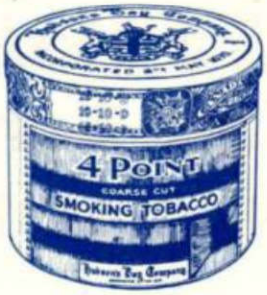

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